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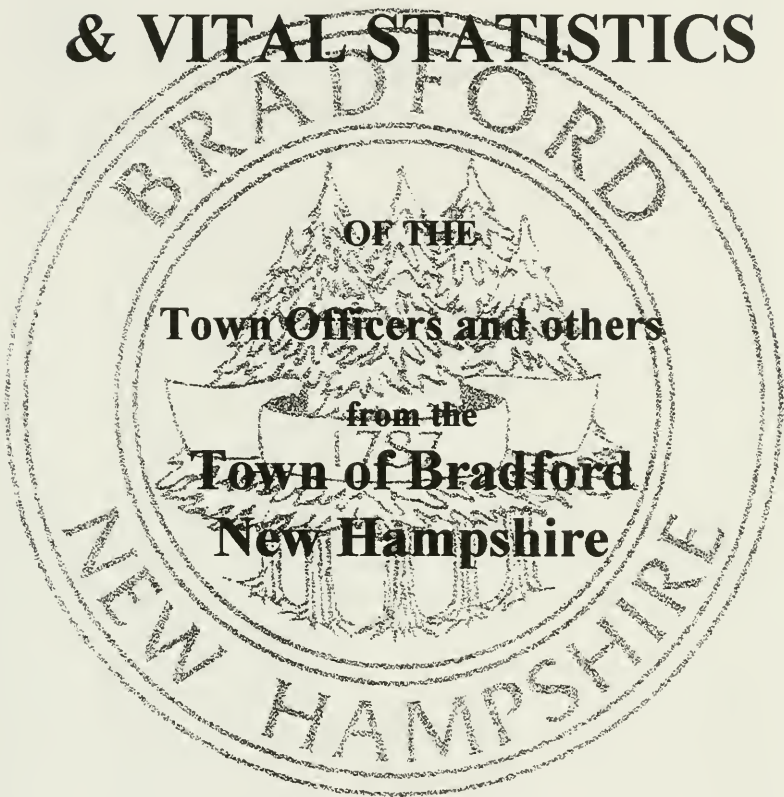
BRADFORD

New Hampshire



For the Year Ending
December 31, 1997

ANNUAL REPORTS & VITAL STATISTICS



**OF THE
Town Officers and others
from the
Town of Bradford
New Hampshire**

**for the year ending
December 31, 1997**

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1997 Directory of Officials

Elected

Moderator

Brackett L. Scheffy	Term expires 1998
Mildred I. Kittredge, <i>Pro tem</i>	

Selectmen

David Pickman	Term expires 1998
Joseph P. Conway, Jr.	Term expires 1999
Richard (Dick) Vitale	Term expires 2000

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Susan Pehrson	Term expires 2000
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Town Treasurer

Carolyn Grindle	Term expires 2000
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Supervisor of the Checklist

Carolyn Grindle	Term expires 1998
Deborah Lamach	Term expires 2000
Ann D. Hibbard	Term expires 2002

Trustees of the Trust Funds

H. Bliss Dayton	Term expires 2000
Everett Kittredge	Term expires 1998
Jane Dumais	Term expires 1999

Trustees of Brown Memorial Library

Christopher Payson	Term expires 1998
Margaret Fearnley	Term expires 1998
Sandra Wadlington	Term expires 1998
Martin Bunis	Term expires 1999
Elinor Robie	Term expires 1999
G. Richard Keller	Term expires 2000
Roderick Jones	Term expires 2000
Melanie Leathers	Resigned
Lorraine Davis	Resigned

Budget Committee

George Morse	Term expires 1998
Dick Marquis	Term expires 1998
Dian Darrah	Term expires 1999
Peter Fenton	Term expires 1999
Robert Stewart	Term expires 2000
H. Bliss Dayton	Term expires 2000

Scholarship Committee

Kathleen Bigford	Term expires 1998
Judith Marshall	Term expires 1999
Cindy Fitton	Term expires 2000

Planning Board

James Lawrence	Term expires 1998
Edythe Craig	Term expires 1999
J. Perry Teele	Term expires 2000
Thomas Riley	Term expires 2000
Joseph P. Conway, Jr.	Selectmen's Rep
George Morse, Jr.	Alternate
Roger Herman	Alternate
Gary Wall	Alternate
James Hume	Resigned
Tamara Van Ryan	Resigned

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Marcia O. Keller	Term expires 1998
Jim Monahan	Term expires 1998
Erin DiBello	Term expires 1999
Lynn Tracy	Term expires 1999
Everett Kittredge	Term expires 2000
Mildred I. Kittredge alternate	Term expires 1999
Jim Hume	Resigned
Russell St. Pierre	Resigned

Cemetery Commission

Mildred Kittredge	Term expires 1998
Hazel Morse	Term expires 1999
Doris Tremblay	Term expires 2000

APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Road Agent	Arnold Anderson
Administrative Assistant	Cheryl Behr Resigned-Kathy Russell
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Marilyn Gordon
Deputy Treasurer	Yvonne McCormick
Overseer of Public Welfare	Elizabeth Bouley
Health Officer	Dr. Carey Rodd

Police Department

Full time officers

John E. Sims, Jr.-Chief
Robert Varley-Sr. Patrolman
Kristopher Dupuis-Patrolman
Halton Grindle- Retired Chief

Part time officers

Shawn Spooner - Sr. Patrolman
Norman Hobbs
John Roberts
Christopher Lemay

Secretary

Debbie Blaisdell
Kathy Grindle-Resigned

French's Park

Judy Magee

Crossing Guard

Jean Murphy-resigned
Shelly Couture

Animal Control Officer

Cindy Fitton

Transfer Station

Ken Anderson, Manager
Richard Pehrson, Asst .

Harold Heselton, Asst.

Civil Defense Coordinator

Alan McCartney Parker McCartney-Deceased

Inspectors of the Checklist

Amy Blitzer	Sandra Wadlington	Sophie Burke
Matilda Wheeler	Perley Strout	John Blitzer

Conservation Commission

Amy Blitzer, Co-Chair
Brooks McCandlish, Co-chair
Richard Whall, Treasurer
Judith Ann Eldridge, Secretary
Jane Lucas
Doris Tremblay
Tammara Van Ryn-Resigned

J.Perry Teele
Matilda Wheeler
Eugene Schmidt
Mary Hopwood
John Robie
Phyllis Whall

Brown Memorial Library

Appointed by the Library Trustees
Elsa Weir, Assistant Librarian
Barbara McCartney, Substitute Librarian

Margaret Ainslie, Librarian
Francis Page, Library Page

Custodian of the Town Hall

Richard Moore

Forest Fire Warden

Steve Hansen

Building Code Administrator

Charles I. Meany III

Fire Department

Officers elected within the Department

Mark Goldberg, Chief
Ralph Carroll, First Dep Chief
Robert Raymond, Sec. Dep Chief
Alan Brown, Captain
James Raymond, Lieutenant
Steven Hanson, Lieutenant
Preston Starr, Lieutenant
Christopher Frey, Treasurer
Parker McCartney, Deceased

Political Committee

Bernard Lamach, Republican
John and Elinor Robie, Democrat

Report of the Board of Selectmen

To describe the events of 1997, one can only use a single word - **CHANGE!**

Overall, the circumstances which have driven this mechanism appear to be the natural evolution of a community redefining itself and accepting the challenges to progress. The changes for the most part have been positive. It is not to say, however, that certain events have not born anxiety, frustration and hardship to our community. One thing is certain, we have recognized and begun the process of working together, compromising and seeking common ground in our efforts to accomplish the challenges that face our Town.

For the moment let's review some of the important events of 1997:

- The Selectmen's office has experienced a change in personnel. A new Administrative Assistant was hired after our previous longtime secretary left following a leave of absence. After some mild chaos on the part of the Selectmen, we've now adjusted and are operating better than ever.
- In April, the Town's Police Chief retired. After an exhausting search which saw the response of over a dozen candidates, the Town was fortunate to be able to hire our new Chief, John Sims.
- In an effort to accommodate a more user friendly atmosphere in our Town Hall, the Selectmen and Police Department exchanged office space. This small change appears to have reaped great benefits.
- The Town Hall received a new handicap accessible ramp which complies with ADA guidelines. This, we hope, will assist in better access to the building.
- Our road programs continue to be ongoing with marked improvements with each completed project. However, we do face some challenges with the escalating costs of bridge reconstruction. This issue will be an item of long term concern for our community.
- The water and sewer feasibility study faced additional delays but got underway in October with the hiring of the engineering firm of Provan

& Lorber. A completion date of April 1998 has been set and the project is on schedule.

- Our community witnessed the catastrophic fire that destroyed the major portion of New Kearsarge Corp. The result, we know, will have a long term impact on our tax base.

Concurrently, as these events were taking place the first steps in focusing on and prioritizing the direction in which the townspeople wish to go began to transpire.

- The first of the new year (1997) witnessed the commissioning of the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee (BEOC).
- In February, the New Hampshire Rural Development Council conducted a community visit. This forum assisted the community in and effort to express ideas and vision, focus on priorities and initiate the beginnings of partnerships.
- During the year, an 18+ month undertaking of the Master Plan update continued with the final product released and accepted by the Planning Board in December. This monumental task was accomplished by a group of volunteers who, through uncommon dedication and perseverance, accomplished a remarkable document that will be of tremendous value as we address the future of the community.
- In an effort to bring a consensus to all the information that has been generated, the BEOC put together a "What If" scenario and held a series of presentations to group together the priorities on a number of projects facing our Town. The findings of these meetings have brought validation on some of the important issues and enabled us to move forward.

Communication within our community continues to improve and the beginning of partnerships appear to be the result.

**"Coming together is a beginning.
keeping together is progress,
working together is Success"**

Adjusting to the ever-changing climate and pressures in a small town sometimes causes us to lose perspective, be reluctant to let go of the past and gladly receive the future. An anonymous poet once said: "Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future"

With this in mind let's make 1998 a year to remember!

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank and express their gratitude to the Townspeople of Bradford. It is only through your continued support and giving of your time and efforts that this community works.

David Pickman, Chairman

Joseph P. Conway Jr.

Richard (Dick) Vitale



Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting Bradford, New Hampshire March 11th, 1997

Polls were opened at 8:00am by Brackett Scheffy, Moderator.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the county of Merrimack in said State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in the town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.

For Selectman

For three years

Lance Rickenberg			145
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Richard Vitale	write in	elected	254
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For Town Clerk/Tax Collector

For Three Years

Susan Pehrson		elected	388
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For Treasurer

For Three Years

Carolyn Grindle		elected	381
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For Scholarship Committee

For Three Years

Mildred Kittredge	write in		5
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Beth Rodd	write in		6
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Cindy Fitton	write in		7
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For Planning Board

For Two Years

Edythe Craig		elected	375
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For Planning Board			
For Three Years			
Jonathan P. Teele	elected		293
Thomas Riley	elected		323
For Zoning Board of Adjustment			
For Two Years			
Erin DiBello	elected		323
For Zoning Board of Adjustment			
For Three Years			
Everett Kittredge	elected		352
Richard Vitale	elected		140
James Monahan	write in		88
For Trustee of the Trust Funds			
For Three Years			
H. Bliss Dayton	elected		365
For Trustee of the Brown Memorial Library			
For Three Years			
Roderick Jones	elected		194
G. Richard Keller	elected		264
Christopher Payson	write in		23
For Cemetery Commission			
For Three Years			
Doris Tremblay	elected		362
For Budget Committee			
For Three Years			
H. Bliss Dayton	elected		298
Robert Stewart	elected		299
Richard Vitale			158

Article 2. To vote on the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Zoning Ordinance. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance? To change the definition of Home Business by adding (by the occupants) after the word conducted. To read:

Home Business - means any business use conducted by the occupants entirely within a dwelling unit or an accessory unit which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling unit for dwelling purposes and does not change the character thereof, and connection with which there is no outside display or storage, nor emission or dust, noise, fumes, vibration or smoke, or additional street parking or traffic or other adverse impacts to the town.

Article Carried

313 YES

74 NO

Article 3. To vote on the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Zoning Ordinance. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance? To add to Article III, new #12. To read:

Shoreland Protection Act - The Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B) (is a state law that governs development in certain shore land areas) exists. If any provision of the Shoreland Protection Act differs or appears to conflict with any provision of the zoning, site plan, wetland or floodplain development ordinances, the provision imposing the greater restriction or more stringent standard shall be controlling.

Article Carried

267 YES

117 NO

Article 4. To vote on the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Zoning Ordinance. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance? To change Article IV, Section S,A (c) from:

Each lot shall be a minimum of two (2) acres. The density of this district shall not exceed one dwelling or business unit per lot, except that additional businesses or dwelling units may be allowed on the same lot by special exception and shall require and additional ½ acre per lot unit. To read:

Each lot shall be a minimum of two (2) acres. The density of this district shall not exceed one dwelling or business unit per lot, except that additional businesses or dwelling units may be allowed upon site plan approval. Any existing lot in the residential district or less than two (2) acres shall be considered for the purposes of this ordinance to be two (2) acres.

Article Carried

263 YES

125 NO

Article 5. To vote on the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Zoning Ordinance. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance? To delete the last sentence of Article IV, Section 2, A(g) from use of an accessory building may be permitted for Home Business by special exception. To read:

Home Businesses are permitted and require full compliance with applicable sections of this ordinance.

Article Carried 286 YES 89 NO

Article 6. To vote on the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Zoning Ordinance. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the by the Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance? To delete the following from Article IV, Section 2, C(c): On the same lot by special exception and require and additional ½ acre per unit. To read:

Each lot shall be a minimum of two (2) acres. The density of this district shall not exceed one dwelling or business unit per lot, except that additional business or dwelling units may be allowed upon site plan approval.

Article Carried 267 YES 111 NO

Article 7. To vote on the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Zoning Ordinance. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance? To change the words in (brackets) from one year to two years in Article V, Section 3,A. To read:

When any existing nonconforming use of a building or use of land has been discontinued for (two years), the building or land shall thereafter be used only in conformity with this ordinance, except by special exception.

Article Carried 257 YES 122 NO

Article 8. To vote on the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to the Zoning Ordinance. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bradford Zoning Ordinance? To change the following paragraph in Article VIII, Section

1.B (f): A site plan has been submitted to the Planning Board for approval and for recommendation from the Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Road Agent, and Police and Fire Chiefs , as appropriate; and . . . to read:

Comments have been solicited from the Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Road Agent, and Police and Fire Chiefs, and Planning Board as appropriate and . . .

Article Carried	277 YES	93 NO
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Article 9. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Bradford, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years of age, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of ages \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such a person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$13,400.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400.00; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00 (excluding the value of the person's residence) Under no circumstances shall the amount of the exemption for any age category be less than \$5,000.00.

Article Carried	306 YES	71. NO
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There was also a Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot.

For Moderator

For One Year

Bob Bowers

elected

343

The question on the School Ballot was: "The Kearsarge Regional School District's current form of governance, the open town meeting, requires that all matters that by law need to be acted upon by the voters of the District be voted at the Annual Meeting of the District or special meetings. Prior to putting warrant articles to a vote, they are explained, discussed and are subject to amendment. The warrant articles are then voted by those physically present at the meeting. The proposed Charter, if

adopted, would change the method of voting on budgetary articles, those that rise and appropriate funds. The method of voting on the budgetary articles would continue to be explained, discussed and be subject to amendment by those present and voting at the first session of the Annual Meeting. What the Charter would change is then to add a second session of the Annual Meeting, at which time the budgetary articles would be voted on by Official Ballot. This second session would be held on the current Election Day, the second Tuesday in March, when voters vote for School District Officers. The Charter also provides for the use of absentee ballots for voting on budgetary articles only.”

Shall the School District approve the Charter recommended by the Charter Commission?

Article Carried 211 YES 92 NO

Total Ballots cast	415
Total School Ballots Cast	415
Total Registered Voters	993

Election officials present.

Selectmen: John Signorino, David Pickman, Joseph Conway

Moderator: Brackett Scheffy

Moderator *pro tem*: Mildred Kittredge

Town Clerk: Susan Pehrson

Supervisors of the Checklist: Carolyn Grindle, Ann Hibbard,
Deborah Lamach.

Inspectors of the Election: Marie Louise Signorino, Perley Strout

Ballot Clerks: John Blitzer, Matilda Wheeler

Absentee Ballots were processed at 2:00pm

Article 10. Meeting adjourned until March 12, 1997 at 7:00pm at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford, on the Old Warner Road. The raising of monies and remaining articles in the warrant to be taken up at the adjourned meeting. Moderator Brackett Scheffy opened the meeting at 7:05pm. Approximately 210 people were in attendance. Ms. Carolyn Grindle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The winners from the previous day were announced as well as the outcome of the Zoning questions and the school election.

Roberts rules of procedure were to be followed. Mr. Scheffy read a letter from the KRSD to the Selectmen extending a word of gratitude to Arnold Anderson and his road crew for their much appreciated hard work this winter season.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$550,000.00) Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars, (Gross Budget) for the construction of a new public library, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$415,000.00) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA Chapter 33, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; furthermore, to change the purpose of the existing Library Additional Capital Reserve Fund to include construction of a new library, and to authorize the withdrawal of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) plus accumulated interest in the amount of \$3,200.00 from that Fund; additionally, \$25,000.00 to come from unrestricted library funds currently held by the Trustees of the Library, with the balance of \$36,800.00 to be raised by general taxation. The Trustees of the Library are authorized to solicit and award bids, negotiate contract, and to take any other lawful action and to pass any other vote reasonably necessary to carry out the construction of the new Library, all library property under RSA 202-A:6. The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation. The Budget committee recommends this appropriation. (By Petition) (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)
Article Not Carried 54 YES 157 NO

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. And further to require that prior to acceptance of any such gift, valued at over \$5,000.00, the Public Library Trustees shall hold a public hearing. (By Petition). Article Carried

A motion was made and seconded to take Article #33 out of order.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to require the Town's Administrative Governmental Body/Selectmen to obtain a majority vote at Town Meeting prior to initialing any action(s) to modify, alter, or reconfigure the present Town Hall building or said deed to same which would cause the displacement of the Kindergarten from their current location within the Town Hall without the full voluntary consent of the Kindergarten. (By Petition)

Discussion continued for approximately one half hour. Motion was made to close debate and seconded. Article Carried

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$967,283.00 for general municipal operations. (Majority vote required). Motion was made and seconded to accept the entire budget figure of \$967,283.00. Total budget passed was \$1,236,459.00. Corrected amount should read \$885,948.00. Capital Reserve Funds and other Warrant articles were addressed and voted separately and should not have been included with the previous and following totals respectively.

Executive Office	68,326.00
Election, Registration & Vital Stat	4,225.00
Financial Administration	25,420.00
Legal Expenses	20,000.00
Personnel Administration	48,800.00
Planning and Zoning	6,200.00
General Government Buildings	16,830.00
Cemetery amended to	13,840.00
Insurance	59,700.00
Other General Government	6,197.00
Police Department	
Three amendments were entertained	
A. Chief Grindle proposed a radar unit for \$2,165.00	
Amendment carried by show of hands 107 Yes 56 No	
B. The Selectmen proposed an increase of \$15,000.00 to provide for wages for a new chief as Mr. Grindle is retiring in May of this year. Amendment carried.	
C. Kathleen Grindle, secretary to the Police Department, proposed a new computer for the department for \$3,000.00	
Amendment did not carry.	
Article Carried as amended	156,286.00
Fire Department	59,500.00

Building Code Department	2,550.00
Emergency Management	300.00
Highway Department	241,120.00
Bridges	10,000.00
Street Lighting	7,000.00
Proposed to raise to \$11,000.00	
Amendment not carried	
Solid Waste Disposal	27,550.00
Solid Waste Collection	40,000.00
Health	500.00
Welfare Administration	1,500.00
Vendor Payments	12,500.00
Parks and Recreation	4,672.00
Library	25,830.00
Patriotic Purposes	3,000.00
Purchases of Natural Resources	700.00
Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes	18,902.00
Interest on T.A.N	4,000.00
Capital Reserve Funds	100,000.00
Total Appropriations as voted	885,948.00
Total Appropriations from Warrant Articles	350,511.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the Renovations of the Town Offices and Selectmen's Office to include vault storage area and American Disabilities Act entrance ramp. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Article Withdrawn - Not Carried

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand Dollars (\$152,000.00) for the purchase of bituminous oil for road sealing and cold patch. This will be a non lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI; and will not lapse until the funds are used or in five years, whichever occurs first. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation, (Majority vote required) Article Carried

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of supporting a

Fourth of July Parade for the Town. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article Carried

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed into the Town of Bradford Conservation Fund. This fund may be used to acquire, protect or otherwise conserve and properly use open spaces and other land and water areas as authorized by RSA 36-a. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
Article Carried

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of fire tanker repair. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the repairs are completed or in three years, whichever occurs first. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Article Carried

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred and Eleven Dollars (\$76,511.00) (Gross Budget) for the purchase of a new 1997 Ford L8599 Series 2 wheel drive with sander, plow, and wing and to authorize the trade-in of the 1989 F800 dump truck in the amount of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars(\$6500.00) with the balance of Seventy Thousand Eleven dollars (\$70,011.00) to come from general taxation. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
Article Carried

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of hiring a part-time attendant to provide education/inspection assistance at the Town of Bradford Lake Massasecum boat ramp to avoid further mil foil degradation of the lake. One-half of this sum, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) will come from funds appropriated by the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association for this purpose. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
Article Carried

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the existing

Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Article Carried

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) to be placed in the existing Repair Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Article Carried

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) to be placed in the existing Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Article Carried

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the existing Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article Carried

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the existing Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Article Carried

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the existing Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund. (By Petition) Should Article 11 pass, this article will be passed over. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required) (A paper ballot was called).
Article carried 87YES 73NO

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in said fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article carried

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the benefit of the Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports Organization, said expenditure will be used to defray the cost of building, maintaining and improving the athletic fields and the cost associated with the purchase and upkeep of uniforms, equipment and insurance. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Article was amended to raise and appropriate a total of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The amended Article Carried

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of repairing the athletic field fencing located at Brown Shattuck field. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Article Not Carried

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to purchase an Audio/Video system for the Police Cruiser. Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be reimbursed by a pre-approved State Highway Safety Grant. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Article Not Carried. Show of Hands. YES 60 NO 63

There was an immediate move to reconsider. There was a show of hands to reconsider YES 74 NO 53.

The reconsideration vote was also a show of hands. Article Carried
YES 74 NO 60

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify Smith Road a Class VI highway, and the Class VI portion of Dunfield Road and Class A Trails in accordance with RSA 231-A. A Class A trail is a full public right of way subject to public trail use restrictions. It may not be used for vehicular access to any new building, but it may be used by abutting land-owners to provide access for agriculture and forestry and to any building existing prior to its designation as a Class A trail. The municipality shall bear no responsibility for maintaining the trail for such uses. (By Petition) (Majority vote required) Article Not Carried

Article 32. In 1996 the residents of Sutton voted to designate Blaisdell Hill Road as a scenic road (RSA 231:157-158). This classification was to

preserve the rural character and historic value of this road. Blaisdell Hill Road, was the original main road from Sutton Mills to Melvin Mills. This historic preservation of this road is demonstrated by the original Blaisdell Family Homestead, cottage house and family cemetery. Blaisdell Hill Road continues to the Town line of Sutton, Bradford and Warner, the last quarter mile of Blaisdell Hill Road is a Bradford road. This portion of Blaisdell Hill Road is only accessed by Sutton's road and only one Bradford Resident (Phil and Carol Adams) reside in a 200+ homestead at the end of Bradford section of Blaisdell Hill Road. This petition warrant article, with the support of the Bradford Conservation Committee, are asking the voters of Bradford to respectfully approve that the last quarter mile of Blaisdell Hill Road be designated as a scenic road to continue the wish of the Town of Sutton to preserve and appreciate our rural history. (By petition) Article not carried

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers. Article Carried

John Signorino was wished a Happy Retirement.

Richard Vitale, Susan Pehrson, Carolyn Grindle, Erin Dibello, Robert Stewart, Perry Teele, H.Bliss Dayton, Everett Kittredge and Doris Tremblay were sworn into office by Moderator Brackett Scheffy.

No further business was transacted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20pm

Warrant signed and posted on February 14, 1997
Board of Selectmen

John Signorino, Chairman
David Pickman
Joseph P. Conway, Jr.

A true copy of warrant and minutes of Town Meeting

Attest:

Susan Pehrson, Town Clerk

Notes

COMPARATIVE STATE OF APPROPRIATION & EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 1997

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	CONTINUING APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATION	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	BALANCE	OVERDRAFT
GENERAL GOVT						
EXECUTIVE		68,326.00	68,326.00	63,776.79	4,549.21	
ELEC. REG. & VITAL STAT		4,225.00	4,225.00	3,388.47	836.53	
FINANCIAL ADMINSTR		25,420.00	25,420.00	25,265.57	154.43	
LEGAL EXPENSE		20,000.00	20,000.00	2,993.25	17,006.75	
PERSONNEL ADMIN		48,800.00	48,800.00	52,730.08		-3,930.08
PLANNING & ZONING		6,200.00	6,200.00	4,450.25	1,749.75	
GEN GOV'T BLDGS		16,830.00	16,830.00	15,839.52	990.48	
CEMETERIES		13,840.00	13,840.00	12,403.98	1,436.02	
INSURANCE		59,700.00	59,700.00	48,217.97	11,482.03	
OTHER GENERAL GOVT		6,197.00	6,197.00	6,197.00	0.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
POLICE DEPARTMENT		160,286.00	160,286.00	153,538.12	6,747.88	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		67,500.00	67,500.00	59,933.78	7,566.22	
BUILDING CODE		2,550.00	2,550.00	2,548.71	1.29	
EMERGENCY MANAGE		300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	
HIGHWAY AND STREETS						
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		393,120.00	393,120.00	395,765.34		-2,645.34
BRIDGES	255,220.00	10,000.00	265,220.00	48,334.15	216,885.85	
STREET LIGHTING		7,000.00	7,000.00	6,262.59	737.41	
TRUCK WA		76,511.00	76,511.00	76,511.00	0.00	
SANITATION						
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION		27,550.00	27,550.00	24,476.13	3,073.87	
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		40,500.00	40,500.00	44,029.42		-3,529.42
HEALTH						
HEALTH AGENCY		500.00	500.00	400.00	100.00	

COMPARATIVE STATE OF APPROPRIATION & EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 1997

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	CONTINUING APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATION	AVAILABLE	EXPENDED	BALANCE	OVERDRAFT
WELFARE						
WELFARE ADMINISTRATION		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
VENDOR PAYMENTS		12,500.00	12,500.00	10,278.49	2,221.51	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
PARKS AND RECREATION		10,672.00	10,672.00	11,323.99		-651.99
LIBRARY		25,830.00	25,830.00	26,234.16		-404.16
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		6,000.00	6,000.00	5,842.84	157.16	
HISTORY				50.00		-50.00
CONSERVATION						
PURCHASE OF NAT'L RES		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
OTHER CONSERVATION		700.00	700.00	650.00	50.00	
PRINCIPAL-LONG TERM DEBT		18,902.00	18,902.00	18,903.47		-1.47
DEBT SERVICE						
INTEREST ON T.A.N.		4,000.00	4,000.00	4,125.75		-125.75
OPERATING TRANSFERS						
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	
TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUNDS						
TRANSFERS TO CONSERVATION FUNDS						
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS						
TOTAL	255,220.00	1,236,459.00	1,491,679.00	1,226,970.82	276,046.39	-11,338.21
APPROPRIATIONS						
CONTINUING APPROP	1,236,459.00					
AVAILABLE	255,220.00					
LESS EXPENDED	1,491,679.00		BAL OF EXPENSE	276,046.39		
	1,226,970.82		LESS OVERDRAFTS	-11,338.21		
BALANCE OF APPROP	264,708.18		BALANCE	264,708.18		

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 1997

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				TOTAL PRINCIPAL + INCOME	
				BALANCE 1-Jan-97	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS WITHDRAW	BALANCE 12/31/97	BALANCE 1/1/97	DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YR		
	VARIOUS CEMETERY FUNDS	PERP CARE	VARIOUS	48,498.93	1,300.00		49,798.93	24,361.73	6,428.20	4,950.00	25,839.93	75,638.86
1929	JOHN FRENCH PARK FD	CARE PK	MUTUAL FND	1,000.00			1,000.00	394.50	56.35	0.00	450.85	1,450.85
1961	BRADFORD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP											
	SCHOLARSHIP	SCHOL'SHP	MUTUAL FND	2,678.71			2,678.71	1,282.09	110.56	500.00	892.65	3,571.36
1994	CEMETERY MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND	CEMETERY MAINTAIN	VARIOUS	27,164.00	275.00		27,439.00	618.77	1,897.83	1,500.00	1,016.60	28,455.60
	VARIOUS LIBRARY FUNDS	SUPPORT	MUTUAL FND	7,457.00			7,457.00	34.81	445.68	480.49	0.00	7,457.00
1960	CAPITAL RESERVE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	HVY EQUIP	BANK DEP	20,000.00	10,000.00		30,000.00	5,355.66	1,377.54		6,733.20	36,733.20
1988	CAPITAL RESERVE-REVAL	REVAL	BANK DEP	18,989.73	5,000.00		23,989.73	3,099.26	1,237.58		4,336.84	28,326.57
1996	CAPITAL RESERVE FIRE DEPARTMENT	HVY EQUIP	BANK DEP	10,000.00	10,000.00		20,000.00	0.00	512.40		512.40	20,512.40
	CAPITAL RESERVE REPAIR TOWN BLDG	BLDG REP	BANK DEP	8,062.33	5,000.00		13,062.33	1,210.62	451.60		1,662.22	14,724.55
1991	CAPITAL RESERVE AMBULANCE											
1993	CAPITAL RESERVE	AMBULANCE	BANK DEP	5,000.00	5,000.00		10,000.00	500.48	290.25		790.73	10,790.73
	CAPITAL RESERVE LIBRARY ADDITION	LIBRARY ADDITION	BANK DEP	70,000.00	40,000.00		110,000.00	2,326.11	3,636.61		5,962.72	115,962.72
1994	CAPITAL RESERVE											
	CAPITAL RESERVE TOWN FACILITIES & BLDG	UNDEFINED	BANK DEP	0.00	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
1997												

Town of Bradford

Report of the Treasurer

Year ending December 31, 1997

Remitted to Treasurer

Remitted by Selectmen's Office	\$ 171,889.71
Remitted by Tax Collector	2,850,194.61
Remitted by Town Clerk	152,905.35
Miscellaneous	<u>22,003.45</u>
Total Remitted to Treasurer	<u>\$ 3,196,993.12</u>

Tax Anticipation Notes

Transferred in	660,000.00
Transferred out	660,000.00
Interest	<u>(4125.75)</u>
Total Tax Anticipation Notes	(4,125.75)

Interest Earned

Fleet Bank	2,986.36
Lake Sunapee Bank	1,630.64
NH Public Deposit Insurance Pool	<u>716.21</u>
Total Interest Earned	5,333.21

Service Charges

Fleet Bank	(105.00)
Lake Sunapee Savings Bank	<u>(867.71)</u>
Total Service Charges	(972.71)

Miscellaneous

Void Checks	27,565.23
Stopped Payments	0.00
Returned Checks	(2733.00)
Miscellaneous	<u>15,370.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous	40,202.23

Balance December 31, 1996	\$ 395,544.87
Total Receipts	3,237,430.10

Disbursements Ordered by Selectmen	<u>(3,158,197.11)</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1997	\$ 474,777.86

General Fund Bank Balances

Lake Sunapee Bank	\$ 93,778.22
Fleet Bank	366,826.19
NH Public Deposit Pool	<u>14,173.45</u>
Total of General Fund Bank Balances	\$ 474,777.86

Status of Special Accounts

Cemetery Repair Fund

Balance December 31, 1996

Interest Earned

Balance December 31, 1997	Closed
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Conservation Commission

Balance December 31, 1996	10,076.71
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Deposits	50.00
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Withdrawal	0.00
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Interest Earned	<u>2,170.22</u>
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Balance December 31, 1997	12,296.93
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Parks and Recreation

Account opened July 1997	250.00
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Deposits	175.55
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Interest Earned	<u>8.20</u>
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Balance December 31, 1997	433.75
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Active Road Bonds

Foresthetic Enterprises, Inc.

Balance December 31, 1996	1,131.59
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Interest Earned	<u>45.26</u>
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Balance December 31, 1997	1176.85
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M.A. Haladej

Balance December 31, 1996	589.60
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Interest Earned	<u>23.58</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	613.18

T & J Family Limited Partnership

Balance December 31, 1996	1,006.80
Interest Earned	<u>85.80</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	1,092.60

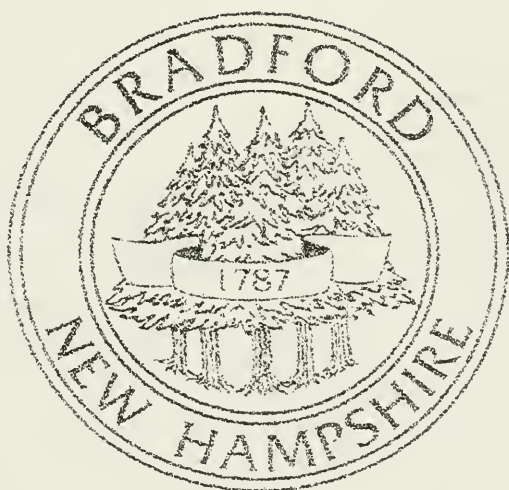
Cerosimo Lumber Co., Inc.

Account opened September 1997	1,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>8.41</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	1,008.41

Freeport Development, Inc.

Account opened May 1997	10,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>207.35</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	10,207.35

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn M. Grindle, Treasurer



Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts

Levies of	1997	Prior Levies
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year		
Property Taxes.....		548,933.81
Yield Taxes.....		7,787.33

Taxes Committed this year

Property Taxes.....	2,560,467.28
Yield Taxes.....	7,964.96

Overpayment

Property Taxes.....	87.40	2,658.31
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Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax

Interest.....	1,947.05	58,685.94
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TOTAL DEBITS	2,570,466.69	618,065.39
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Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes.....	2,233,471.95	370,532.38
Yield Taxes.....	5,702.79	6,983.71
Interest	1,947.05	58,685.94
Conversion to Lien.....		164,186.86

Abatements Made

Current Levy Deeded	620.16	1,132.32
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Uncollected Taxes End of Year

Property Taxes.....	321,089.36	190,935.53
Yield Taxes.....	2,262.17	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	2,565,093.48	792,456.74

Report of the Town Clerk

January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

Receipts

1954 Registration Permits issued.....	\$ 142,706.00
588 Titles (1N/C).....	588.00
1827 Decals	4,559.00
11 UCC Code File.....	165.00
2 UCC Amendments	30.00
2 UCC Requests or Searches.....	10.00
2 UCC Attachments	8.00
1 IRS Lien	15.00
11 Marriage Licenses	495.00
11 Vital Records Copies.....	110.00
26 Vital Records Extra Copies	156.00
4 Office filings	4.00
360 Dogs	2,354.50
21 Dog Penalties	52.00
5 Bad Check Fee.....	125.00
5 Bad Checks Redeemed	1,792.00
1 DRA Filing.....	15.00
1 Checklist.....	15.00
Postage.....	13.35
Total Bad Checks.....	(1,593.00)
Total of Refunds Due.....	(70.00)
Total Receipts.....	\$ 151,550.35

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Pehrson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Commentary

As yet another year has come to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to report some of the accomplishments and changes that have taken place within the last year.

The amount of Town Tax collected on new vehicles is up almost 14% from the previous year.

The outstanding property tax accounts are nearly all current. The last remaining delinquent account should be resolved this coming year.

The office has acquired a new laser printer and software at no cost to the Town from the Division of Health and Human Services. This will enable all of the vital records of the Town to be eventually on the computer.

We have also installed the Town Clerk software for vehicle registrations and dog licenses. Several of you have experienced the speed with which your transactions can be processed.

This coming year we hope to work closely with the Selectmen's Office to facilitate more services and have more information available to you in an efficient manner.

Summary Inventory of Valuation

1997 Assessed Valuation:

Value of Land:	Acres	Valuation
Current Use	15,325.61	1,287,763.00
Residential	20,065.36	32,078,648.00
Commercial	442.87	1,805,800.00

Total of Taxable Land	350,833.84	35,172,211.00
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Value of Buildings

Residential	41,574,950.00
Commercial/Industrial	4,074,100.00
Total Taxable Buildings	45,649,050.00

Public Utilities	907,744.00
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Valuations Before Exemptions Allowed	82,069,500.00
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Elderly	295,000.00
Physically Handicapped	1,290.00
Totally & Permanently Disabled	1,400.00

New Evaluation on which Tax rate is computed:	81,771,810.00
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Elderly Exemption Count

Type of Elderly Exemptions Being Granted for Current Year

10	10,000.00	100,000.00
5	\$15,000.00	75,000.00
6	20,000.00	120,000.00

Totally & Permanently Disabled

1 exemption at	1,400.00	1,400.00
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Physically Handicapped Exemption

1 exemption at.....	1,290.00	1,290.00
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Current Use Report

	Applicant Granted in Prior Years	New Applicants Granted in 1996	Totals
Farm Land	554.74	0.00	554.74
Forest Land	12,490.75	361.17	12,851.95
Unproductive Land	1,309.11	2.00	1311.11
Wet Land	595.01	599.81	599.81
Total Numbers of Acres Exempt under Current Use			15,325.61
Total Number of Acres Taken out of Current Use			0.00
Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Recreation Adj.			3,58.12

Tax Rate Breakdown

	Prior Year Tax rate 1996	Approved Tax rate 1997
Town	6.94	10.62
School District	18.08	19.05
County	<u>2.01</u>	<u>1.81</u>
Municipal		
Tax Rate	27.03 per thousand	31.48 per thousand

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 1,236,459.00
Total Revenues and credits	<u>371,646.00</u>
Net Town Appropriations	864,813.00
Net School Appropriation	1,581,013.00
County Tax Assessment	149,811.00
Total of Town, School & County	2,595,637.00
Less Shared Revenues	36,461.00
Less War Credits	12,400.00
Overlay	<u>15,001.00</u>
Property Taxes to be Raised	2,561,777.00

Proof of Tax

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
81,771,810.00	31.48	2,574,177.00

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, Land and Building	303,700.00
Furniture and Equipment	20,000.00
Old Central School	247,800.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Library, Land and Buildings	123,900.00
Furniture and Equipment	20,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	18,200.00
Police Department, Vehicles	44,250.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	195,300.00
Fire Department Equipment	257,000.00
Highway Department, land & Buildings	121,900.00
Highway Department, Equipment	662,715.00
Materials and Supplies	10,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	207,000.00
Disposal Area, Land & Buildings	120,400.00
Boat Launch	49,200.00
Goldstein Property	8,500.00
Henderson Land	28,300.00
Lajoie Land	3,100.00
Lake Todd Property	12,400.00
Lomax Land	3,100.00
Parking Lot	16,700.00
Railroad Bed	5,500.00
Route 103 Property	3,200.00
Rowe Mountain Road Property	20,200.00
Sand Pit	43,800.00
Conservation Land - # 4-604,431	47,000.00
Conservation Land - # 23-086,249	1,500.00
Conservation Land - # 22-669,170	45,300.00
Conservation Land - # 6-029,487	13,500.00
Conservation Land - # 6-006,375	11,500.00
Albro Property	31,600.00
Fortune Road - # 36-34-333	12,100.00
Naughton Property	158,000.00
Peters/McNiff Property	3,800.00
Cheney Property	<u>7,900.00</u>
Total	2,883,365.00

Financial Statement

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash and equivalents	
Bank Accounts.....	\$ 474,777.86
Petty Cash	<u>200.00</u>
Total Cash and Equivalents.....	474,977.86
Accounts Receivable.....	35,407.29
Property Taxes Receivable.....	321,089.36
Yield Taxes Receivable.....	2,262.17
Tax Lien Receivable.....	190,935.53
Tax deeded property.....	1,752.48
Other Assets	91,356.00
Total Assets.....	1,117,690.66

Liabilities and Equity

Accounts Payable.....	13,889.00
Accounts Payable FICA.....	1,147.83
Accounts Payable Medicare.....	186.82
Accounts Payable Federal Withholding.....	0.00
Accounts Payable Retirement.....	0.00
Accounts Payable Blue Cross/Blue Shield.....	0.00
Accounts Payable Delta Dental.....	0.00
Accounts Payable Child Support.....	76.56
Accounts Payable Due Kearsarge Regional School Dist.	802,200.00
Designated Fund Balance	0.00
Continuing Appropriations	225,000.00
Unreserved Fund Balance.....	153,744.00
Expenditure Control.....	3,158,197.11
Revenue Control.....	(3,237,430.10)
Total Liability and Equity	1,117,690.66

Detailed Statement of Payments

General Government

4130 Executive

Appropriation.....	\$ 68,236.00
Expenditures.....	<u>63,776.79</u>
Balance.....	\$ 4,549.21

Payments

Selectmen	3,900.00
Moderator	80.75
Administrative Assistant	23,364.19
P/T Bookkeeper	1,566.02
Supplies	4,548.33
Conferences, Seminars	457.02
Postage	2,372.57
Telephone	1,819.51
Mileage	422.24
Advertising and bids	351.53
Office Equipment	597.40
Tax Map Updates	556.50
Computer Supplies	5,076.72
Property Updates	2,194.48
Town Reports	3,585.00
Association Dues	886.39
Registry Fees	2,338.37
Misc. Contracts	2,557.67
Misc. Services	2,411.00
Computer Training	500.00
Town Forester	1,409.40
Sewer Feasibility Study	<u>2,781.70</u>
Total	63,776.79

4140 Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics

Appropriation.....	4,225.00
Expenditures.....	<u>3,388.47</u>
Balance.....	836.53

Payments:

Supervisor of Checklist	237.50
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Ballot Clerks	133.02
Supplies	516.48
Advertising	12.50
Food	73.76
Vital Statistics	1,568.00
Marriage/Dog licenses	847.21
Total Payments	3,388.47

4150 Financial Administration

Appropriations.....	25,420.00
Expenditures.....	<u>25,265.57</u>
Balance.....	154.43
Payments	
Treasurer	3067.50
Town Clerk/Tax Coll	14825.72
Deputy Town Clerk	3067.35
Deputy Treasurer	105.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	250.00
Auditors	<u>3,950.00</u>
Total	25,265.57

4153 Legal Expenses

Appropriations.....	20,000.00
Expenditures.....	<u>2,993.25</u>
Balance.....	17,006.75
Payments:	
Town Counsel	2,993.25
Damages, Accidents	<u>0.00</u>
Total	2,993.25

4155 Employee Benefits

Appropriations.....	48,800.00
Expenditures.....	<u>52,730.08</u>
Balance.....	(3,930.08)
Payments:	
FICA	17,204.55
Retirement	10,823.04
BC/BS Health Insurance	22,291.82
Dental Insurance	<u>2410.67</u>
Total	52,730.08

4191 Planning and Zoning

Appropriations.....	6,200.00
Expenditures.....	<u>4,450.25</u>
Balance.....	1,749.75
Payments:	
Secretary wages	708.81
Supplies	347.03
Zoning Seminars	15.00
Zoning Office Supplies	142.93
CNHRPC Dues	1,274.00
Master Plan	1,617.25
ZBA postage	<u>345.23</u>
Total	4,450.25

4194 General Government Buildings

Appropriations.....	16,830.00
Expenditures.....	<u>15,839.52</u>
Balance.....	990.48
Payments:	
Custodian Wages	2,361.80
Supplies	494.82
Telephone	342.95
Electricity	4,084.42
Heating Oil	2,414.90
Misc. Repairs	5,817.63
Snow Removal	10.00
Rubbish Removal	209.00
Clock Maintenance	<u>104.00</u>
Total	15,839.52

4195 Cemeteries

Appropriations.....	13,840.00
Expenditures.....	<u>12,403.98</u>
Balance.....	1,436.02
Payments:	
Cemetery Salary	7657.00
Supplies	488.03
Electricity	20.62
Truck Maintenance	1,250.00
Equipment Repairs	160.00
Gas/Oil	59.51
Paint Fences	194.00
Plumbing	385.00
Tree Removal	2060.00
New Equipment	<u>129.82</u>
Total	12,403.98

4196 Insurance

Appropriations.....	59,700.00
Expenditures.....	<u>48,217.97</u>
Balance.....	11,482.03
Payments:	
Workers Compensation	20,101.00
Property Liability	24,719.00
Unemployment Comp	<u>3,397.97</u>
Total	48,217.97

4199 Other General Government

Appropriations.....	6,197.00
Expenditures.....	<u>6,197.00</u>
Balance.....	0.00
Payments:	
Kindergarten	500.00
C.A.P.	<u>5,697.00</u>
Total	6,197.00

4210 Police Department

Appropriations.....160,286.00

Expenditures.....153,538.12

Balance..... 6,747.88

Payments:

Full Time Salaries	68,240.00
Part Time Salaries	16,418.80
Part Time on Call	731.80
Special Details	2,058.00
School Guard	3,077.00
French's Park Attendant	1,744.00
Overtime	4,053.46
Part Time Secretary	5039.06
Animal Control Officer	1,778.00
Training Salaries	5,100.55
Supplies	3,991.47
Conferences & Seminars	682.78
Postage	190.88
Telephone	3,540.95
Mileage	106.00
Association Dues	150.00
Gas & Oil	2,776.21
Cruiser Maintenance	3,375.94
Dispatch Pagers	10,853.23
Equipment/Uniforms	6,224.80
Training Expenses	741.27
Radio & Radar Repair	2,535.58
Copier Rental	551.10
Cty Attorney	1500.00
A.C.O. Training	100.00
WA # 30 Audio/Video	4000.00
Computer Upgrade	1,501.30
Law Books	310.94
Radar Equipment	<u>2165.00</u>
Total	153,538.12

4220 Fire Department

Appropriations.....67,500.00

Expenditures.....59,933.78

Balance.....	7,566.22
Payments:	
Supplies	6,797.88
Telephone	737.11
Electricity	2,573.69
Heating Oil	1,042.91
Equipment Repairs	2,471.53
Gas/Oil	1,887.74
Radio Repairs	2,910.92
Pump Truck Cont. Appr.	22,414.49
Roster	280.00
Training	363.26
Hose Replacement	916.00
New Equipment	4,317.09
Building Maintenance	1,425.21
Dispatch	8,108.00
Hydrant	50.00
Inspections	850.00
Protective Clothing	<u>2,787.95</u>
Total	59,933.78

4240 Building Code

Appropriations.....	2,550.00
Expenditures.....	<u>2,548.71</u>
Balance.....	1.29
Payments:	
Building Code Fees	1,846.70
Supplies	150.49
Mileage	196.52
Code Enforcement	105.00
Education	<u>250.00</u>
Total	2,548.71

4290 Civil Defense

Appropriation.....	300.00
Expenditures.....	<u>0.00</u>
Balance.....	300.00

4312 Highway Department

Appropriations.....	469,631.00
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Expenditures.....	<u>472,276.34</u>
Balance.....	(2,645.34)
Payments:	
Winter Maintenance	74,764.49
Winter Overtime	19,547.11
Summer Maintenance	20,112.96
Summer Overtime	800.82
Supplies	5,570.72
Telephone	508.30
Contract Services	15,478.22
Electricity	1,683.07
Heating Oil	1,292.26
Gas/Diesel	13,493.36
Uniforms	3,248.74
Tires	3,097.45
Parts/Repair	30,779.00
Culverts	6,998.46
Gravel	14,512.21
Salt	7,613.49
Chains/Blades	1,853.93
Equipment Rental	5,747.50
Town Shed	3,912.34
Vehicle Inspection	125.00
Road Signs	740.56
Tree Removal	1,660.00
Road Oil	9,911.25
WA #15 Bituminous Oil	152,079.60
WA# 19 Truck Purchase	76,511.00
Drug Testing	<u>234.50</u>
Total	472,276.34

4313 Bridge Account

Appropriations.....	265,220.00
Expenditures.....	<u>48,334.15</u>
Balance.....	216,885.85
Payments:	
Bridge Maintenance	15,797.86
Continuing Appropriation	<u>32,536.29</u>
Total	48,334.15

4316 Street Lighting

Appropriations.....	7,000.00
Expenditures.....	<u>6,262.59</u>
Balance.....	737.41
Payments:	
Street Lighting	<u>6,262.59</u>
Total	6,262.59

4323 Solid Waste Collection

Appropriations.....	27,550.00
Expenditures.....	<u>24,476.13</u>
Balance.....	3,073.87
Payments:	
Solid Waste P/T Salaries	21,009.95
Seminars	35.00
Telephone	339.78
Association Dues	138.31
Electricity	642.22
Repairs	376.17
Supplies	1,004.70
Improvements	<u>930.00</u>
Total	24,476.13

4324 Solid Waste Disposal

Appropriations.....	40,500.00
Expenditures.....	<u>44,029.42</u>
Balance.....	(3,529.42)
Payments:	
Regional Association	31,064.21
Scrap Metal	1,005.41
Hazardous Material	526.60
Compactor Service	7,141.60
C&D Debris	<u>4,291.60</u>
Total	44,029.42

4415 Health

Appropriations.....	500.00
Expenditures.....	<u>400.00</u>
Balance.....	100.00
Payments:	

Hepatitis Shots	400.00
Total	<u>400.00</u>

4441 Welfare Administration

Appropriations.....	1,500.00
Expenditures.....	<u>1,500.00</u>
Balance.....	0.00
Payments:	
Welfare Admin Wages	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	<u>1,500.00</u>

4445 Welfare Vendor Payments

Appropriations.....	12,500.00
Expenditures.....	<u>10,278.49</u>
Balance.....	2,221.51
Payments:	
Vendor Payments	<u>10,278.49</u>
Total	<u>10,278.49</u>

4520 Parks and Recreation

Appropriations.....	10,672.00
Expenditures.....	<u>11,323.99</u>
Balance.....	(651.99)
Payments:	
Wages	3,343.55
Supplies	54.24
Rubbish Removal	353.00
Truck Maintenance	250.00
Electricity	205.20
New Equipment	371.00
State of NH	27.00
Sanitation Units	720.00
WA# 28 BNYS	5,000.00
WA#20 Mil foil inspection	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	<u>11,323.99</u>

4550 Library

Appropriations.....	25,830.00
Expenditures.....	<u>26,234.16</u>
Balance.....	(404.16)

Payments:

Librarian Salary	10,860.22
Assistant Librarian wages	5,170.36
Custodial Wages	1,250.91
Substitute Librarian Wages	818.16
Library Page	614.51
Library Appropriation	<u>7,520.00</u>
Total	26,234.16

4583 Patriotic Purposes

Appropriations.....	6,000.00
Expenditures.....	<u>5,842.84</u>
Balance.....	157.16

Payments

Markers and Flags	255.00
July 4 th Parade	3,087.84
Fireworks July 4 th	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	5,842.84

4612 Purchase of Natural Resources

Appropriations.....	1,000.00
Expenditures.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balances.....	0.00

Payments:

Purchase of Nat'l Resources	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	1,000.00

4619 Other Conservation

Appropriations.....	700.00
Expenditures.....	<u>650.00</u>
Balance.....	50.00

Payments:

Meeting Expenses	40.00
Association Dues	150.00
Misc. Expenses	125.00
Trail Maintenance	40.00
Water Tower Base	20.00
Planting Trees	75.00
Bulletin Board	30.00

Natural Resource Inv.	<u>170.00</u>
Total	<u>650.00</u>

4711 Principal on Long Term Bonds and Notes

Appropriations.....	18,902.00
Expenditures.....	<u>18,903.47</u>
Balance.....	(1.47)
Payments:	
Compactor Note	2,735.70
Backhoe Note	<u>16,167.77</u>
Total	<u>18,903.47</u>

4723 Interest on T.A.N.

Appropriations.....	4,000.00
Expenditures.....	<u>4,125.00</u>
Balance.....	(125.00)
Payments:	
Interest on T.A.N.	<u>4,125.00</u>
Total	<u>4,125.00</u>

4915 Capital Reserve Funds

Appropriation.....	100,000.00
Expenditures.....	<u>100,000.00</u>
Balance.....	0.00
Payments:	
Hwy Dept Heavy Equip	10,000.00
Revaluation	5,000.00
Ambulance Fund	5,000.00
Town Facilities Repair	5,000.00
New Town Building	25,000.00
Fire Dept Heavy Equip	10,000.00
Library	<u>40,000.00</u>
Total	<u>100,000.00</u>

Non-Budgetary Expenditures

Kearsarge Regional School District	
Total Payments.....	<u>1,653,941.00</u>

County of Merrimack
Total Payments.....149,811.00

Tax Anticipation Notes
Bank Transfers.....600,000.00

Miscellaneous expenses
Total Payments..... 131.60.

Property Tax Abatements
Total Payments..... 5,326.59

Tax Liens
Total Payments..... 164,186.86

Town of Bradford

State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant

The Polls will be open from 8:00am to 7:00pm on March 10, 1998.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Elementary School on Old Warner Road in said Bradford on Tuesday, the tenth of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following Articles;

1. To choose all necessary Town officials for the ensuing year.
2. To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00pm, at the Bradford Elementary School on the Old Warner Road. The raising of money and remaining articles in the Warrant to be taken up at the adjourned meeting.
3. Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-B providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. (Majority vote required)
4. To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Community Development Block Grant submitted to the State of New Hampshire, Office of State Planning by the office of the Selectmen, for the purpose of constructing the Bradford Community Center. This vote will reaffirm the support and commitment of the Town of Bradford to this worthwhile project. (Majority vote required)

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey to Lois Bradicich, her heirs, successors and assigns, a triangular shaped parcel of land comprising .15 (fifteen hundredths) acre, more or less, for the sum of \$1,000.00. This parcel is shown as Parcel A on a survey plan entitled "Subdivision for Annexation of Land Between the Town of Bradford and Sugar River Savings Bank" dated February 26, 1997, and is the site of the leach field that services the Bradicich property. It shall be a condition of transfer that the parcel conveyed shall merge with and become part of the adjacent Bradicich land, identified as Tax Map #33, Lot 015-071, for all purposes including municipal property taxation and land use regulation. (Majority vote required)

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$889,927.00 for general municipal operation. (Majority vote required).

Executive	\$ 65,342.00
Elections and Vital Records	5,082.00
Financial Administration.....	26,056.00
Legal Expenses.....	7,000.00
Personnel Administration	71,603.00
Planning and Zoning.....	3,800.00
General Government Building.....	13,752.00
Cemetery	13,050.00
Insurance.....	59,700.00
Other General Government	6,197.00
Police Department	148,710.00
Fire Department	62,000.00
Building Code Department.....	2,900.00
Emergency Management.....	300.00
Highway Department.....	257,821.00
Bridges	10,000.00
Street Lighting	7,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	26,175.00
Solid Waste Collection.....	43,000.00
Health	500.00
Welfare Administration.....	1,500.00
Vendor Payments.....	12,500.00

Parks and Recreation	6,302.00
Library	27,212.00
Patriotic Purpose	5,775.00
Conservation	1,650.00
Interest on T.A.N.....	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 889,927.00

7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and expend the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), and to authorize the withdrawal from the Town Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund for the renovation and construction of the Bradford Community Center on the site of the old Central School. This appropriation is contingent on the award of a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) for this project. (Majority vote required)

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Seven Thousand, and Eighty Dollars (\$77,080.00) for the paving of that portion of West Road currently gravel. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant RSA 32:7, VI; and will not lapse until December 31, 2003 or until the funds are used, whichever occurs first. Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$13,500.00) to repair and shim Rowe Mountain Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant RSA 32:7, VI; and will not lapse until December 31, 2003 or until the funds are used, whichever occurs first. Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of hiring a part-time attendant to provide education/inspection assistance at the Town of Bradford Lake Massasecum boat ramp to avoid further mil foil degradation of the lake. One-half of this sum, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) will come from funds appropriated by the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association for this purpose.

Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Ninety Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$8,090.18), to fund the first year of a three year lease-purchase of a new 1998 Ford Explorer XL four door 4x4 Police Vehicle. The lease-purchase agreement gives the town the right to purchase the vehicle for one dollar at the end of the three year term. (By Petition) Recommendations: Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (Majority vote required)
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to be placed in existing Repair Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in an existing Town Facilities and Building Capital Reserve Fund. Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the existing Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the existing Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the existing Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
Recommendations: Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. (Majority vote required)
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the existing Library Addition Capital Reserve Fund. (By Petition) Recommendations: Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (Majority vote required)
19. To see if the Town will make available to the Library Trustees of said Town, a portion of Town Land, formerly that portion of the Marshall lot fronting Main Street, where the Marshall House and Barn had been located, for the construction of a new Library Building. Said Lot to contain 3 acres, more or less, of the 3.59 acre front lot, leaving the balance for roadway access to the back lot. Should construction fail to commence within a 28 month period of the time from this date said commitment shall be null and void. Upon passage of this article, the Trustees relinquish any claim on to the Central School site. (By Petition) (Majority vote required)
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$3,530.00) and authorize its expenditure by the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, said expenditure to help defray the cost of continuing to provide free and subsidized Home Health Care. (By Petition) Recommendations: Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (Majority vote required)
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3500.00) and authorize said expenditure by the Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports Organization; said expenditure is to assist in defraying the cost of building maintenance, replacing and buying new sports equipment, payment of fees to the baseball and soccer leagues, liability insurance for players, coaches, referees, umpires and other volunteer, utility costs for electricity, fees for portable bathrooms and maintenance and

improvements to the existing athletic fields. (By Petition)

Recommendations: Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (Majority vote required)

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and authorize said expenditure by Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports for the repair of the backstop and fence at Brown Shattuck Field and if money allows, extend the baseball fence to the Town shed, to protect the field from further damage by vehicles. (By Petition) Recommendations: Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (Majority vote required)
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) to pay for the erection and maintenance of a street light at the intersection of State Route 103 and the Old Sutton road. (By Petition) Recommendations: Selectmen do not recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend. (Majority vote required)
24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers.
25. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Board of Selectmen

David Pickman, Chairman

Joseph P. Conway, Jr.

Richard (Dick) Vitale

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MS-7



**BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24**

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF BRADFORD N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998 or
for Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink.)

John H. Wren Chair
Edwin Taylor
David Brown Clerk
Diane Karsah

Date

June 1, 1998
Richard A. Morris
John C. B.

Year 1998

Budget - Town of BRAINTOWN, NH

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (DATA 237,7)	NAEC Acct.	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by BSA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTOR'S APPROPRIATIONS BY FISCAL YEAR		REPORT COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS BY FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	POT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	POT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
6130-6139	Executive		68,326.00	63,776.79		65,342.00		65,342.00
6160-6169	Station, Reg. & Vital Statistics		4,225.00	3,388.47		5,082.00		5,082.00
6190-6199	Financial Administration		25,420.00	25,265.57		26,056.00		26,056.00
6192	Revaluation of Property							
6193	Legal Expense		20,000.00	2,993.25		7,000.00		7,000.00
6195-6199	Personnel Administration		48,800.00	52,730.08		71,603.00		71,603.00
6191-6191	Planning & Zoning		6,200.00	4,450.25		3,800.00		3,800.00
6194	General Government Buildings		16,830.00	17,215.67		13,752.00		13,752.00
6195	Comptroller		13,840.00	12,403.96		13,050.00		13,050.00
6196	Insurance		59,700.00	48,217.00		59,700.00		59,700.00
6197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
6199	Other General Government		6,197.00	6,197.00		6,766.00		6,197.00
PUBLIC SAFETY								
6210-6216	Police		156,286.00	149,538.12		148,710.00		148,710.00
6215-6215	Ambulance							
6220-6229	PUMP & REPAIR PUMP (continued)	WATH	8,000.00 59,500.00	8,000.00 59,933.78		62,000.00		62,000.00
6240-6249	Building Inspection		2,550.00	2,548.71		2,900.00		2,900.00
6290-6299	Emergency Management		300.00	0.00		300.00		300.00
6399	Other Public Audiotapes	WA 30	4,000.00	4,000.00				
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
6301-6309	Airport Operations							

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Budget - Town of

BRAIDFORD, NH

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (AMA 2512, VI)	Vote Article	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by MA	Actual Spending Prior Year	SELECTED'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR		TOWN COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENDING FISCAL YEAR	
					EXPENDED	NOT RECORDED	EXPENDED	NOT RECORDED
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311-4312	Admin., Highways & Streets		241,120.00	243,765.34	257,821.00		257,821.00	
4313	Bridges		10,000.00	10,797.86	10,000.00		10,000.00	
4314	Street Lighting		7,000.00	6,262.59	7,000.00		7,000.00	
4319	Other	WA15	152,000.00	152,000.00				
SANITATION								
4331-4333	Admin. & Solid Waste Collection		27,550.00	24,476.13	27,375.00		26,175.00	1,200.00
4334	Solid Waste Disposal		40,500.00	44,029.42	43,000.00		43,000.00	
4335	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4336-4339	Seague Collection & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331-4332	Admin. & Water Services							
4333-4339	Water Treatment, Construction & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4331-4332	Admin. & Generation							
4333	Purchase Costs							
4334	Electric Equipment Maint.							
4339	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH AND WELFARE								
4411-4414	Admin. & Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		500.00	400.00	500.00		500.00	
4421-4423	Admin. & Direct Assistance		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	

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Budget - Town of BRADFORD, NH

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (ADA 2712.7)	Merr Act	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by SRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS REVENUE FISCAL YEAR		TOWN COMMISSIONER'S APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4444	Interdepartmental Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendors Payments & Other		12,500.00	10,278.49	12,500.00		12,500.00	
	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4518-4519	Parks & Recreation BNYS	WA28	5,000.00 4,672.00	5,000.00 4,705.99	6,302.00		6,302.00	
4550-4555	Library		25,830.00	26,234.18	27,212.00		27,212.00	
4565	Patriotic Purposes	WA16	3,000.00	3,000.00				
4569	Other Culture & Recreation	WA21	3,000.00	5,842.84	5,775.00		5,775.00	
	CONSERVATION		1,000.00	1,000.00				
4611-4613	Administration & Purchase of Natural Resources	WA17	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00		0.00	
4619	Other Conservation		700.00	650.00	1,650.00		1,650.00	
4631-4633	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Bonds - Long Term Bonds & Notes		18,902.00	18,903.47	0.00		0.00	
4711	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4713	Interest on PMA		4,000.00	4,125.75	5,000.00		5,000.00	
4750-4758	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4801	Land							
4903	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment HWY TRUCK		76,511.00	76,511.00				
4903	Buildings							

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

pecial warrant articles are defined in RSA 321:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations aimed by bonds or notes; 3) appropriating to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts under; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 321:3, VI)	DATE Act#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by SEA	Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS EMERGING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS EMERGING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4312	PAVING WEST ROAD	#8			77,080.00		77,080.00	
4312	OIL ROWE MTN ROAD	#9			13,500.00		13,500.00	
4520	MIL FOIL ATTENDANT	#10			1,000.00		1,000.00	
4210	POLICE CRUISER	#11						8,090.18
4915	C/R REVALUATION	#12	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	
TOTAL 2 Recommended								

SPECIAL W/A CONTINUED

Acct#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 321:3, VI)	DATE Act #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by SEA	Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS EMERGING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS EMERGING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4915	C/R REPAIR TOWN BLDGS	#13	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	
4915	C/R TOWN FACIL & BLDG	#14	25,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	
4915	C/R AMBULANCE	#15	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	
4915	C/R FIRE DEPT HWY EQ	#16	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	
4915	C/R HWY HEAVY EQUIP	#17	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	
4915	C/R LIBRARY ADDITION	#18	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		40,000.00	
4915	C/R VISITING NURSE	#20	0.00	0.00	5,430.00		5,430.00	
TOTAL 2 Recommended								
4520	BRAD/NEHBURY YS	#21	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,430.88		5,430.88	
4315	STREET LIGHT	#23	0.00					2,000.00
4520	BRAD/NEHBURY YS	#22			2,000.00			
TOTAL RECOMMENDED					129,080.00		129,080.00	

Year 1998

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE Fiscal Year
TAXES					
3110	Land Use Charge Taxes		2,000.00	37.50	0.00
3100	Resident Taxes		0.00	0.00	0.00
3103	Yield Taxes		10,000.00	8,201.69	8,000.00
3106	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		0.00	0.00	0.00
3109	Other Taxes		0.00	0.00	0.00
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40,000.00	66,660.38	65,000.00
	Inventory Penalties		0.00	0.00	0.00
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		300.00	253.00	200.00
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		115,000.00	142,706.00	140,000.00
3230	Building Permits		1,200.00	3,055.00	1,000.00
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,500.00	3,468.85	2,500.00
3313-3310	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		12,500.00	12,957.00	7,000.00
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		45,000.00	26,736.00	26,000.00
3352	Seals & Income Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Allocation		61,995.00	64,697.56	65,000.00
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		900.00	1,421.00	1,000.00
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0.00	3,852.00	0.00
3358	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		18,000.00	18,192.00	18,000.00
3409	Other Charges		3,500.00	3,205.00	3,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		11,500.00	6,700.00	4,000.00
3502	Interest on Investments		1,500.00	0.00	0.00
3503-3509	Other		13,000.00	9,239.00	9,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Fiscal Year
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3916	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		9,000.00	6,450.00	6,450.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	From Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From Fund Balance ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS			347,895.00	377,831.98	356,150.00

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	SELECTION	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended (from page 6)	891,696.00	889,927.00
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles Recommended (page 8)	129,080.00	129,080.00
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" warrant articles Recommended (page 8)		
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,020,776.00	1,019,007.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	356,150.00	356,150.00
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	664,626.00	662,857.00

(REV.1997)

Report of the Bradford Planning Board

Chairman: Perry Teele
Members: Tom Riley, Edyth Craig
Alternates: Roger Herman, Gary Wall
Representative of the Selectmen: Joe Conway

This has been quite a year for the Board with activity mostly dealing with Site Plan Reviews. Site Plans were completed for a campground, gravel pit, junkyard, auto repair shop and two home businesses. There were also two subdivisions and three subdivisions are now in progress.

The major effort of the Board was the supervising of the production of the Master Plan. This plan, developed by the Master Plan Committee, was finalized at a public hearing held on December 9, 1997 and signed by the Board on December 23, 1997. Our sincere thanks go to the Master Plan committee for their long hard work producing this Plan. The committee is co-chaired by Dick Whall and Glen Mayo, with members Kathy Messer, Mel Pfeifle, Nancy Hibbard and Harriet Douglas.

The Master Plan has been printed and copies distributed to all the groups and committees in town and copies placed in the library and the Selectmen's Office. Copies may be purchased for personal use from the Selectmen's secretary for \$15.00.

Thanks to extra effort, our new secretary Cheryl Behr has completed entering the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision regulations, and Site Plan regulation onto the town computer so changes and updates will be much easier and quicker in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tamara Van Ryn for all her active participation on the Planning Board these last six years. She has moved out of state and we will miss her.

Respectfully submitted
Perry Teele

Bradford Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at the Town Hall at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of each month, and on the third Tuesday if business warrants. The Bradford Zoning Ordinance and New Hampshire statutes authorize the board to grant Special Exceptions, Variances, and hear Appeals from Administrative Decisions. This provides the flexibility to address unusual features on specific properties.

During 1997 four appeals were heard and decisions made following public hearings:

Case 97-001	Special Exception to construct garage at 38 East Shore Drive.	GRANTED
Case 97-002	Special Exception to operate gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road.	GRANTED
Case 97-003	Special Exception to operate a junkyard on Fortune Road.	GRANTED
Case 97-004	Variance to construct garage at 45 Woodview Heights.	GRANTED

The number of cases since the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance reflect both the slowdown in growth and the revisions to the ordinance to better fit the community:

1989-12; 1990-7; 1991-4; 1992-3; 1993-4; 1995-5; 1996-5; 1997-4.

We regretfully received the resignation of Jim Hume. He was an asset to the Board and will be missed.

The Board is comprised of five elected members and up to five appointed alternates. All interested citizens are encouraged to participate, we never seem to have enough alternates.

Respectively submitted,

Everett Kittredge, Chair

Marcia Keller, Clerk

Mildred Kitteredge, Alternate

Erin DiBello, Vice-Chair

James Monahan

Report of the Bradford Building Inspector

1997 has been a very productive year for the Bradford building community. The permit process has exceeded projections for the year and appears that a healthy building environment exists in Bradford for both private and commercial projects. The major type of work performed has been repairs and alternations with some new construction.

Bradford has also joined B.O.C.A. and as members of the organization we have hopefully become more professional in our approach to building and zoning regulations. We are also attempting to increase cooperation and communication between the various boards (i.e. planning and zoning) in an attempt to make the process more user-friendly. I would like to thank the residents of Bradford who have dealt with the permit process in a very reputable fashion.

Code Enforcement for 1997 has evolved mainly around the Garage Wars which is hopefully nearing correction. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles (Chip) Meany
Bradford Building Inspector and
Code Enforcement Officer

Report of the Bradford Economic Opportunity Committee (BEOC)

Chartered by the Selectmen in early 1997, the BEOC's task was broadly defined to "support and promote sound community economic development and to serve as the Selectmen's liaison for economic development within the Town of Bradford". In refining its responsibilities, the Committee developed a detailed guide. The primary purpose was stated to "function as a catalyst for timely, economical and effective implementation of *Bradford Residents' Goals and Objectives*" as defined in the updated Master Plan. With this statement, the BEOC was committed to focusing on what the **residents** wanted and not what the Committee wanted.

The Committee's process to perform its duties was interpreted as having four elements: (1) integrated Bradford's "needs" into a coherent and compatible statement of requirements; (2) identify and assist in obtaining available federal, state, regional & local resources; (3) develop and promote a manageable, effective, financially achievable and economically sound Bradford Economic Opportunities Action Program; and (4) establish and maintain an information program to inform residents of current activities, the benefits of projects in the Action Program, the cost, source of funds and procedures necessary to implement the projects, and the downside of not taking action now.

The Committee's initial task was to support the Rural Development Council's community visit in February, and their report of findings at a second public meeting in May. Subsequent to the RDC's second visit, the BEOC compiled a list of "needs" which the residents had stated were requirements of Bradford. These were gleaned from previous surveys conducted as part of the updating of the Master Plan, public meetings held in the Fall of 1996, and the interviews conducted by the RDC. The resulting list of needs into a series of "projects", if implemented, would satisfy the most pressing needs of the Town.

In October and November, the BEOC presented the concept of "What Ifs" at public meetings. The idea being to look at the end result of projects to

determine if they are indeed what Bradford's residents want to see implemented. Using a list of voters, Committee members called the residents in advance of their meetings to request their participation. The turnout was gratifying. Over 10 percent of Bradford's voters participated in the meetings.

Attendees were asked to select their choices of the 10 different "What if" projects in order of preference. They were also asked, (if they chose to do so,) to select 1 of the projects which they believed should not be conducted at all. The results were published in December's "Bradford Bridge". In summary, the voting produced the following order for project implementation: (1) a Bradford Green; (2) install Water & Sewer; (3) develop a Business Park; (4) utilize the present Town Hall for a Community Center & Police Station; (5) move the Historical Society to the present Library building; (6) install all of the Town Offices in the Central School and have a separate new Library building; (7) relocate the Transfer Station and Highway Department; (8) establish a Visitor's Center in the old post office building vacated by the Historical Society; (9) develop Elderly Housing at the Brown-Shattuck Park site; (10) combine the Town Offices in the Central School with the new Library in an added wing (this project and #(6) were alternatives); and (11) install Sidewalks & Bike Paths throughout the Village Area.

Based upon the voting, the Committee concluded that the first 3 choices were clear favorites. The voting for the other projects indicated that the timing was not considered to be as important as for the top 3. Other meetings will be planned to sort out the remaining projects as to timing and relative importance to the Town's residents.

The BEOC is now proceeding to look at technical issues involved in the top projects as well as potential sources of funding. Warrant articles were prepared for the Selectmen's consideration to bring before the Town Meeting in March 1998.

During the course of the year's activities, it became clear to the Committee that prioritizing the various projects by the voters was essential if the Town is to move forward, Bradford obviously cannot undertake to do all of the projects at one time. On the other hand, if scheduled over a period of years, and using outside funding support, the impact of these improvements on the taxpayers can be minimized.

A primary concern of Bradford residents is that we start moving toward a broader tax base. To achieve real economic development, and in doing so reduce our tax rate, we must be attractive to businesses of the type we'd like to see in Bradford. Services such as water, sewer, power, communications and access are business essentials. There is no mystery here as to what we need to do and be competitive with other towns who also seek to expand their tax base. Our town is blessed with unique resources which can be developed. We need to move forward now. Done properly, we can do this while at the same time protecting and improving upon the quality of life for Bradford's residents, only if we all work together; organizations and individuals. The focus should be "what we want Bradford to be in 10 to 15 years" for ourselves, and for our kids. Wouldn't it be nice if they wanted to come back to Bradford to live also!

Committee members:

Carol Conforti-Adams
Joseph Conway, Selectmen's Representative
Diane Gadoury, Secretary
John Harris
Roger Herman

Don Johnsen, Chairman
Richard Keller
Audrey Sylvester
Gary Wall

Bradford Revolving Loan Fund

Meetings

During the Fiscal Year which ended on September 30, 1997, the Bradford Loan Review Committee met on eleven (11) occasions. Unless there is no business to consider, the Committee will continue to meet at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public, although the Committee will from time-to-time consider confidential loan application information in non-public session, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3

Committee Membership

Mr. Frederick Burgess of Concord resigned as one of two (2) CRDC representatives on the Committee during 1997. CRDC has nominated Scott Walters of New London to replace Mr. Burgess. Mr. Walters is a Vice President of Lake Sunapee Savings Bank.

Loan Approvals

During the Fiscal Year 1997, the Committee recommended approval of the following loans, which were subsequently approved CRDC:

Granite State Forest Products, Henniker: \$100,000.00. Funds represented a 50% participation in a \$500,000.00 equipment term note by Concord Savings Bank. Proceeds were utilized to purchase and construct kilns and a debarker. In addition to stabilizing manufacturing employment in the area, the borrower projects that five new job opportunities will be created as a result of the project. Borrower has agreed to outreach efforts to hire Bradford residents. TERMS: Seven (7) years at an interest rate of Prime plus 1.5%. Concord Savings Bank will receive a servicing fee of .5%. STATUS: Loan closed on June 12, 1997 and all payments are current.

Pine Rock Manor, Warner: \$45,000.00. Funds will be used as part of owner's \$90,000.00 equity injection in a \$900,000.00 expansion of this residential care facility. Concord Savings Bank (\$450,000.00) and CRDC (\$360,000.00) are providing other financing. A total of 12 jobs will be created as a result of the

expansion. Borrower has agreed to implement outreach efforts to hire Bradford residents. TERMS: Five (5) years at 9.5% annual interest rate. STATUS Loan closed on September 2, 1997.

Loans Paid off

During Fiscal Year 1997, two (2) loans were paid off. On October 25, 1996, Granite State Forest Products paid off the \$30,000.00 balance due on a line-of-credit loan which was closed on March 18, 1996. On August 11, 1997 the New Kearsarge Corp, the initial borrower from the Bradford Loan Fund, paid off its \$242,058.00 loan balance from insurance proceeds collected as a result of a catastrophic fire which occurred in July 1997.

Financial Condition:

As indicated by Exhibit A attached, the Fund Balance was \$395,049.00 on September 30, 1997. This balance, which consists of \$269,424.00 in cash and \$125,625.00 in loans outstanding, represents an increase of \$17,628.00 (4.7%) during the past year and \$84,763.00 (27%) since the initial fund capitalization of \$310,286.00 in May of 1995. As of this writing, there is a pending loan commitment of \$75,000.00

Economic Impact:

Since its inception, the Bradford Loan Fund has contributed to the reservation or creation of 131 jobs at a cost of \$541,156.00 or \$4,131.00 per job. Moreover, the program has leveraged private investment of \$3,440.386 or 636% of loaned funds.

CRDC is very pleased with the progress that has been achieved in the past year. The Bradford Loan Committee should be commended for its continued support of positive economic projects in the Town.

I look forward to meeting with you and discussing any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

William C. Cannon
Vice President
Capital Regional Development
Council

EXHIBIT A
BRADFORD LAON FUND STATUS REPORT

BRLF LOAN FUND STATUS REPORT: SEPTEMBER 30, 1997									
Borrower	Location	Closing Date	Maturity Date	Loan Amount	Total Financing	Current Balance	Rate	Loan Status	Comments
New Kearsage Corp	Bradford	24-May-95	08-Jun-99	\$310,286	\$1,410,286	\$0	10.0%	PAID	Pay off 8/11/1997
Bradford Autocraft	Bradford	18-Apr-96	18-Apr-01	\$20,870	\$100,000	\$18,994	9.6%	Current	Balloon amount: \$13,192.55
Granite State Forest Products	Henniker	18-Mar-96	30-Nov-96	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$0	Bank	PAID	Pay off 10/25/96
New Harvester Mfg	Bradford	19-Dec-96	19-Dec-99	\$15,000	\$360,000	\$11,629	9.3%	Current	
Granite State Forest Products	Bradford	12-Jun-97	12-Jun-03	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$50,000	10.25%	Current	
Pine Rock Manor	Henniker	02-Sep-97	02-Sep-02	\$45,000	\$900,000	\$45,000	9.5%	Current	Participation with Concord Savings Bank
TOTAL	—	—	—	\$541,156	\$3,440,286	\$128,625	—	—	

LOAN FUND COST PER JOB: \$ 4.131
LOAN FUND LEVERAGE RATIO 635%

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL CONDITION	
Outstanding Loans (4)	\$ 125,625
Cash:	\$ 269,424
FUND BALANCE:	\$ 395,049

Report of the Bradford Road Committee

Highlights of 1997

Roads: Work continued on West Road with additional grading, rock removal and preparation for paving in 1998. Reconstruction and paving was carried out on portions of Forest Street, the Cochran Hill section of Fairgrounds Road, and Davis Road. Culverts were installed to address drainage problems on Oakdale Road which was re-paved after several years as a gravel road. Shim and oil seal were applied to Steele and Gillingham Roads and to portions of Breezy Hill, Jones, Rowe Mountain, West Shore Drive, Pleasant View, Old Sutton and Center Roads

Bridges: Four bridges were painted during 1997 - Breezy Hill at New Kearsarge, Harrington Road and both bridges on Blaisdell Lake Road. New guardrails were installed on both bridges on West Meadow Road and on Davis Road bridge near the intersection.

Engineering studies and preliminary design work continued for the bridges on West Road (#060/143) and Fairgrounds Road (#064/140). Two facts became clear as winter approached:

1. Construction could not be completed before the weather posed problems.
2. From the initial estimates, the funds appropriated in 1996 would not be sufficient to construct both bridges.

The process of re-building Bradford's bridges will take several years with the State providing 80% of the total cost when reconstruction is involved. Additional work is carried out by the Highway Department and sub-contractors to prevent further deterioration of bridges that are lower on the priority list.

1998 Projects

Since Fairgrounds Road carries a greater volume of traffic, including the school buses, that bridge is the first priority. Final design will be

completed and that bridge constructed during 1998. In addition, minor work will be done on the Blaisdell Lake Road bridges (new abutments) and the Breezy Hill Road Bridge. Two replacement culverts will be installed across West Road a short distance south of Box Corner.

Portions of West Road, currently gravel, are scheduled for paving and Rowe Mountain Road is scheduled for oil. Gravel will be added to the Silver Hill section of the County Road and the West Meadow Road, Bradford's roads and bridges are carrying increased loads and will continue to require attention. The Road Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen, offering recommendations for actions to be considered. The committee appreciates the leadership of the Board of Selectmen and the dedicated efforts by the Highway Department crew under the direction of Road Agent Anderson.

Respectfully submitted
Keith Stebbings, Chairman
Marcia Keller, Clerk
Arnold Anderson, Road Agent
Rick Alibrandi
Rick Messer
Dave Pickman, Selectmen's Rep

Report of the Bradford Police Department

As your new Police Chief, I would like to thank all the citizens of Bradford for making me feel welcome - as if I've lived here all my life. This is a great town. I've enjoyed serving the Town and it's citizens.

It has been a hectic year with Chief Grindle retiring and having no Chief for over five months. However, I believe that Officer Robert Varley did a great job as Officer in Charge for that period of time.

Upon my arrival, we changed the look of the department with new uniforms and a new look for our cruiser. We have also received donations of four computers and are in the process of networking them and updating our programs. Many thanks to Dick Whall for his help.

We have moved into the Selectmen's old office and now have a private entrance to the Department enhancing the safety of those citizens who may be using or visiting the Town Hall. Again, many thanks to the Selectmen and Cheryl Behr.

There is a lot more to be accomplished and my Officers and I look forward to serving Bradford and it's citizens in 1998. We wish you all a safe and successful year.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 911
NON-EMERGENCY 938-2522

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
CHIEF JOHN E. SIMS, JR.

Activity Report for 1997

The Bradford Police Department handled many calls for service during 1997. Both full time officers attended the twelve week full time Police Academy in 1997 and with no full time Police Chief to administrate the department for five months, an accurate number of calls is not available. Officers from other departments assisted in answering calls, (Newbury and New Hampshire State Police) so comparison with 1995 and 1996 is difficult.

I can attest that from September 5, 1997 to the end of the year, just a little under four months, the department handled 479 calls for service.

The total number of telephone calls and transmissions handled by the Merrimack County Dispatch Center for the Bradford Police Department for 1997 was 7,061.

The Department also collected \$4,828.11 in fines and fees.

Report of the Bradford Fire Department

The month of July will be remembered by many of us for a long time. The Fourth of July celebration was one of the most successful in recent memory for the Fire Department and the Town. We would like to take this time to thank everybody who helped to make it such a big success. We still can use any available volunteer help we can receive for setting-up, running and cleaning up from the Celebration. Most of the money raised by the Fire Department from the Fourth of July Celebration is used to purchase additional fire equipment for the Town.

The Kearsarge Reel fire was a devastating fire for the Department and the Town. With the assistance of Mutual Aid the fire was brought under control and extinguished with only one minor injury. Over fifty pieces of fire apparatus with an estimated value of over six million dollars, pumped over two million gallons of water supported by over two hundred trained fire fighters making the extinguishment possible. Fire suppression cost for this fire was four thousand five hundred dollars. Large fires like this one strain the Department's limited number of members. We are always looking for volunteers to join the department to help the Town with this very important and necessary service.

The month of July also brought the passing of a dear friend, Lt. Parker McCartney. Parker spent almost his entire life dedicated to helping others through emergency services. Parker will truly be missed by us all.

The Department is starting to plan the replacement of our second tanker. This truck is a 1952 Military all wheel drive truck converted to a tanker by the Department. Our plans are to have a 2 wheel drive tanker built similar to our first line 1986 4 wheel drive tanker. We will then move our first line tanker to the second position for water supply and 4 wheel drive work when needed. This will increase the service life of the 4 wheel drive tanker for the town.

REMEMBER: SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

REPORT OF CALLS

CHIMNEY FIRES	14	WORK SESSIONS	8
STRUCTURE FIRES	1	INSPECTIONS	7
VEHICLE FIRES	1	BRUSH FIRES	6
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	5	FALSE ALARMS	7
FIRE MUTUAL AID	5	OTHER CALLS	17
ELEC EMERGENCY	3	MEETINGS	14
TRAINING	12		

1997 ACTIVE ROSTER

BAGLEY, PHILIP	MACLEOD, GEORGINE
BOWIE, DAVID	MACLEOD, ROBERT
BROWN, ALAN	MAGEE, GREG
CAMIRE, DAVID	MCCARTNEY, BARBARA
CAMIRE, DAVIDII	MCCARTNEY, PARKER
CARROLL, RALPH	MOORE, RICHARD
CHAMNESS, MILES	MOORE, ROBERT
FREY, CHRIS	MOORE, SHEILA
GOLDBERG, CARL	NIEDERRITER, JOHN
GOLDBERG, MARK	OBERMILLER, STEPHEN
GOLDBERG, PATRICIA	PITTS, THOMAS
GOODALE, CHUCK	RAYMOND, JAMES
HALL, PHILLIP	RAYMOND, ROBERT
HANSEN, STEVE	STARR, PRESTON
LORENZE, STEPHEN	TREMBLAY, DORIS E.
LOSIK, KAREN	TREMBLAY, RON C.

Report of the Town Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000.00 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Warden and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the State. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months were a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS
(All Fires reported through December 23, 1997)

**FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY
REPORTED**

BELKNAP	58
CARROLL	96
CHESHIRE	63
COOS	29
GRAFTON	51
HILLSBOROUGH	145
MERRIMACK	148
ROCKINGHAM	54
STRAFFORD	63
SULLIVAN	19
 TOTAL FIRES	 726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

DOUG MINER
FOREST RANGER

CAUSES OF FIRES

SMOKING	54
DEBRIS BURNING	261
CAMPFIRES	99
POWER LINE	33
RAILROAD	3
EQUIPMENT USE	23
LIGHTNING	14
CHILDREN	60
OHRV	0
MISCELLANEOUS	130
INCENDIARY	33
FIREWORKS	16

STEVEN HANSEN
FOREST FIRE WARDEN

1997 Report of the Bradford Rescue Squad

P.O. Box 381, Bradford, NH 03221

In 1997 the Bradford Rescue Squad responded to 206 calls; 101 in the town of Bradford, 61 in Newbury, 36 in Sutton, and 8 in Warner. Eighty-six patients were transported to New London Hospital and fifty-one patients were transported to Concord Hospital. Fifty-six responses were made which resulted in no patient transport, and the ambulance stood by at thirty-four fires during the year. The Squad is presently made up of 21 volunteers; 8 from Bradford, 8 from Sutton, and 5 from Newbury.

Jim Raymond and Bob Moore both retired after many years of service to the squad and were recognized with plaques of appreciation. Bob was an EMT for the past 10+ years and was a member of the original Board of Directors which was responsible for the initial set up of the squad. Jim had been a member of the squad since its beginning in 1971.

Members of the Bradford Rescue Squad were deeply saddened by the loss of Parker McCartney who passed away in July. Parker held various office positions on the squad for the past ten years. He was an EMT instructor and dedicated member of the Emergency Medical Services community. A fund has been established in his memory and will be used for educational purposes.

Fund raising events for 1998 will focus on collecting enough funds to purchase a new Cardiac Defibrillator. Although the one in use received a clean bill of health in December, it is 10 years old and parts and batteries for it will only be available for another 18 months.

As a reminder, if you need emergency medical care, please dial 9-1-1. Please make your house number visible from the road. We cannot help you if we can't find you.

As always, one of our greatest needs as a volunteer squad is the volunteers themselves. If anyone is interested in learning more about becoming a member, please contact one of the members listed below.

We wish you all a healthy and safe year!

Officers

Captain: Gail Olson, EMT-I
Lieutenant: Mary Beth Fenton, EMT
Training Officer: Felicia Starr, EMT
Secretary: Jenn Simonds, EMT
Treasurer: Sue Vitale EMT
Maintenance Officer: Preston Starr, EMT-I
Supply Officer: Carl Olson, EMT-I

Members

Kate Bailey, EMT	Alan McCartney, EMT-P
Rick Bailey, EMT	Christine Nelson, EMT
Ralph Carroll, EMT	Bud Nelson, Driver
Mike Dunn, EMT-I	Jim Powell, EMT
Peter Fenton, Driver	Linda Powell, EMT
Lee-Ann Freier, EMT	John Simonds, EMT
Mark Goldberg, EMT	Jim Valiquet, EMT
Stephen Lorenze, EMT	Dick Vitale, Driver

Report of the Bradford Cemetery Trustees

The most critical work in the cemeteries this year was the removing of the giant, diseased pine from the Baptist Church Cemetery. Silver Bear managed to dispose of it below the previous estimate; an excellent job. This cemetery will be taking up more of our funds this next year, because the picket fence still needs work, which will be costly due to the varied heights and broken supports.

Corner wings were added to the Union cemetery fence to give it a completed appearance. Nearly all of the other cemeteries need fence work.

We have records of over 2200 names in our seventeen cemeteries. This work will continue next year. From various sources, we are attempting to put names to the unmarked graves in several cemeteries.

Cemetery Rules and regulations have been posted at the cemeteries currently being used.

The interest from the Trust Funds and the Cemetery Maintenance Fund are our sources of income. This brings in about 35% of the funds; the rest is raised from your taxes. Since only about one fifteenth of our lots are covered by trust funds, please consider a one time sum for the care of your family's lot.

There are no winter burials.

We have excellent cooperation from the Selectmen's Office, the Town Clerk's office and our Custodian, Richard Moore, who has done such an excellent job over the years. We thank them all.

We will continue working to update and crosscheck our records. We plan several repair and cleaning sessions this year.

Trustees
Doris Tremblay
Hazel Morse
Mildred I. Kittredge

Bradford Historical Society

The Old Post Office, the Society headquarters near the corner of Rte 103 and Rte 114, is open Saturdays 1:30 to 3:00pm during the warm months, and by appointment other times. There have been many and varied visitors, from both faraway and local, looking into serious research, and just browsing through the albums.

The 1997 Bradford Historical Society programs have included a concert by the KRHS Music Department, Jean Bennett, author of two albums of Sutton Homes, a dramatization of George Washington, the traditional Band Concert and Berry festival, Irish immigration in NH by Ruth Ann Harris, the dedication of the plaque at the site of the Bradford Springs Hotel in conjunction with the Conservation Commission. Also the Alumnae of the Center School held their annual reunion at the Center School.

Most of our programs are free and non members are welcome to any and all. The Historical Society holds open house at the Center School frequently.

The Society acquired a fine copy machine through Dick Whall and his contacts at Exxon. The company grants funds as means of encouraging their retirees to participate in community activities.

Twenty two collections, and many additions to earlier donations have been added this year. The Historical Society thanks all the people who feel the Town should have these memorabilia.

The "Then and Now" articles for the Bridge have shown some of our fine photographs, and brought in comments, corrections, and many additions to the information we have.

We are working on the old homes and genealogy, hoping to do some publishing in the future.

The Two Hundred Plus, Bradford Town history books are still available. Please remember the Bradford Historical Society if you are cleaning out old papers. Through old newspapers, letters, and memories, many pieces of information, like a jigsaw puzzle, have dropped into empty places.

You are most cordially invited to join us for our programs or drop in Saturday and browse.

David Wadleigh, President
Mildred Kittredge, Archivist

Report of the Parks & Recreation Committee

Thanks to Jane Lucas, a group of people gathered in the spring of 1997 in the interest of forming a Parks and Recreation Committee for the Town of Bradford. The focus of the Committee was to first provide activities for Middle School aged youth. Most of the committee's 1997 activities revolved around fact finding.

Discussion during the first several meetings of the Parks and Recreation Committee centered on the needs of Middle School youth who were not involved or interested in the fine sports programs offered by the Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports Association. We wanted to provide alternative activities for these individuals. Debbie Spaulding agreed to work on a skate board park, which eventually resulted in a separate group of people erecting a temporary skateboard facility at Brown/Shattuck Memorial Park. Many youths visited and made use of the skateboard facilities for the remainder of the season. Ken Coyle has been working diligently on an ice skating rink at Brown/Shattuck Memorial Park. The weather has been a constant impediment to his efforts.

We ran a Jello Pie Throwing booth at the July 4th Celebration. Our thanks to Selectman Joseph Conway, Magician Andrew Pinard, Postmaster Michael Ripberger, Selectman Richard Vitale, and students Bram Johnson and Randy MacAllister for presenting themselves as targets. Thanks to Colonial Woodworking, Inc. for building and donating our booth, and to Jane Herbert for the artwork on the booth.

David Blake did a lot of work on drafting a charter for the Bradford Parks and Recreation Committee. The charter has now been submitted to the Selectmen for their approval.

Currently, we are gathering information and ideas for French's Park improvements and for other recreational facilities for our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Johnson, Chairman

Bradford Business Association

Looking back on 1997, the BBA has contributed to the promotion of Bradford and it's businesses in several ways:

A Business Fair was held in March;

BBA Participation in the 4th of July Celebration by holding annual Cow Flop Bingo fundraiser, sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive, participating in the parade, and selling souvenirs in its own tent and booth;

An informative and attractive website address was developed to promote and serve Bradford and the business community;

The BBA provided support to the businesses seeking Town approval for expansion and start-up;

By serving on a committee, as a volunteer to support an event, or as an active source of ideas, each member gains greater insight into our community and the activities of the other businesses. Through our combined efforts we have significant potential to "make things happen".

Won't you join with us and contribute to making Bradford the area's prime example of what can be accomplished when we all work and pull together? We look forward to seeing you as a member in 1998. Together we'll continue to improve Bradford, as a great place to live in and to do business

Dick Marquis
President

Report of the Brown Memorial Library

It was business as usual for the Brown Memorial Library in 1997. In addition to normal library routine, the staff and trustees were busy with re-evaluating the proposed library expansion (what, where, when, how much...) and in fund raising for that purpose. Much of the re-evaluating process was done in conjunction with the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee in hope of working out a site proposal best suited to the needs and desires of the Town, as well the library.

The highlight of the year was the State-wide appointment of Marty Bunis as Trustee of the Year! His efforts in organizing, running and maintaining the Library Thrift Shop (along with his wife Sue and the many volunteers) brought in another eight thousand plus dollars for a second year in a row. Other fund raising activities included buffet dinners at the Thistle and Shamrock and the Appleseed Inn, a Doll and Doll House Exhibit at the Candlelight Inn, numerous raffles and the annual Book and Bake Sale. The Friends of the Brown memorial Library contributed generously towards the Expansion Fund.

Library activities included: short story book discussions (through the Friends); Wednesday kindergarten and preschool readings; a summer reading club for children; "Bedtime Tales" a summer evening program; holiday stories in December; "Wednesdays at One" program, and the usual transactions - lending book, magazines, books on tape and videos.

Many thanks to all who supported the Library in 1997. Every coin in the Building Fund Can and every item donated to the Thrift Shop is greatly appreciated!

Trustees of the Brown Memorial Library

Martin Bunis	Christopher Payson
Elinor Robie	Margaret Fearnley
Rod Jones	Sandra Wadlington
Richard Keller	

Brown Memorial Library

Circulation 1997

Adult Fiction	3,126
Adult Non-Fiction	1,187
Juvenile Fiction	2,589
Paperbacks	1,685
Magazines	799
Inter-Library Loan	380
Videos	<u>686</u>
Total	11,307

Books Added

Total Books December 31, 1996 11,339

Adult Fiction	125
Adult Non-Fiction	85
Juvenile Fiction	75
Juvenile Non-Fiction	26
Audio/Video	10
Gifts AV	66
Gifts Books	175
Withdrawn	<u>-237</u>

Total Books	
December 31, 1997	11,664

Brown Memorial Library

Summary

January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997

INCOME

Appropriations		7,500.00
Copier Fees		191.50
Donations		3,208.87
Fund Raising:		
Thrift Shop	8,872.27	
Fund Raising	1,874.50	10,746.77
Interest Income:		
Book-General	487.30	
Craigie	188.33	
Danforth	26.84	
Expansion	959.57	
Morse-Gardner	695.60	
Payson	256.23	
Rand	25.88	
Special Fund	1,382.57	
Interest Income - Other	379.43	4,401.75
Late Book Fines		442.75
Membership:		
Non-Resident	37.00	37.00
Trust Interest		<u>944.56</u>
Total Income		<u>27,493.00</u>

Brown Memorial Library (cont.)

January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997

EXPENSES:

Adjustments		-30.00
Books		3,278.28
Building:		
Architect	1,732.00	
Lawyer	<u>25.00</u>	1,757.00
Conference		82.50
Dues		85.00
Equipment		240.00
Fees		24.00
Maintenance		103.50
Planetarium		150.00
Postage		44.80
Programs		99.00
Publicity		521.40
Security		240.00
Subscriptions		710.68
Supplies		592.61
Telephone		309.46
Utilities:		
Electric	1,292.77	
Heating Oil	<u>701.55</u>	1,994.32
Video		<u>48.43</u>
Total Expenses		<u>10,250.98</u>

Brown Memorial Library Account Balances

	Jan. 1, 1997	Dec 31, 1997
Book-General	1,720.21	4,138.98
Capital Reserve	70,000.00	110,000.00
CD Book General	9,100.00	9,100.00
CD Craigie	3,500.00	3,500.00
CD Danforth	500.00	500.00

Brown Memorial Library Summary (cont.)

	Jan 1, 1997	Dec 31, 1997
CD Expansion	12,900.00	12,900.00
CD Morse/Gardner	13,000.00	13,000.00
CD Payson	5,000.00	5,000.00
CD Rand Fund	504.59	504.59
CD Special Fund	26,366.00	25,000.00
Checking Account	441.18	92.78
Craigie Fund	756.03	1,033.55
Expansion Fund	2,240.38	16,345.04
Jacobsen	1,991.51	2,137.86
Payson Family	624.60	910.48
Special Fund	1,536.81	3,236.41
Town Held	<u>2,200.50</u>	<u>2,224.39</u>
Total Cash		
and Bank Accts.	152,381.81	209,624.03

BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY SUPPORTERS 1997

Deborah Lacombe	Susan T. Russell	Dale Jones
Lou Ann Mock	Carol & Frank Cullinan	Jane Herbert
Sharon McCartney	Sue Morse	Howard Klein
Sherry Chomitz	Mr & Mrs. John Tracy	Ona Ruchti
Katryna Jacobsen	Jeremy & Ty Tracy	Mary Harrison
Judy Curless	Mary Lehoullier	Maureen Cronin
Joann Moore	Nellie-Way Hayden	Donna Marr
Barbara Raymond	Louise Clark	Cliff Powers
Marie Cayer	Sue Dodge	Odds Bodkin
Carolyn Coolidge	Marcia & David Jenkins	Mary Duncan
Deborah Spaulding	Nancy Hammond Isaacson	Jack Makens
Susan von Ottingen	Mr. & Mrs Richard Hambrecht	
Jean Morgan/Est of Leonard Sargent		Shirley Morse
Brian Allen	Grace Cain	Susan Farber
Marcelle Richard	Frances Winch	Joan Farrel

Dr. Edythe Craig	Eileen Kelly	Andrew Pinard
Ben Ainslie	Michele Meany	Barbara Hall
Bernie Lamach	Laurie Sweet Brown	Peter Isham
Tommy Pitts	Michael & Teresa Bryant	Marshall Knapp
Wayne and Pia Szymkokwicz		Mildred White
Bunny Herman	Louise Clark	Phyllis Whall
Marion Hopkins	Barbara McCartney	Elsa Weir
Harriet Douglas	Melanie Leathers	Bruce Caswell
Joan Lamson	Ginny Brooks	Gary Perkins
Doris Tremblay	Majorie Fritsch	Ann Paine
Burton Hersh	Dick & Marcia Keller	Deborah Brown
Martha von Redlich	Mr & Mrs Paul Angiolillo	Linda Rowe
Shiela Jackson	Mr & Mrs Vernon Clow	Barbara French
Maralyn Doyle	Mr & Mrs Glen Mayo	Caroline Verity
Ann Eldridge	Dr. James & Doreen Hogle	Nancy Scribner
Bliss Dayton	Lorraine & Tim Davis	Lyndsy Byam
Carol Belliveau	Cheryl Cornett	Kathy Lowe
Cindy Davenport	Bradford Baptist Church	Janet Bauer
Francis Page	Al Grindle	Susan Farber
Jean & Dick Kennedy	Paul/Mike Sahrrio	Marcia Strout
Oona Tropeano	Mrs. Stanley Brown	Fenton Family
Lynn & Jim Horigan	Marilyn & Les Gordon	Sean Flanigan
Marlene Scribner	Jean Circosta	Pat Curless
Meg Fearnley	Susie Janicki	Larry Hall
Payson Family	Ruth Perron	Clifford Powers
Gail Richards	Jan & Tom Riley	Randy Thomas
	Mr.& Mrs. Robert Stewart	

In Memory of Marjorie Montgomery

Mr & Mrs. Bernard Lamach	Mrs. Thelma Mitchell
George F. Montgomery	Jean C. Babson
Jerrold & Ann Babson	Mr.&Mrs William A. Watson
Mr. & Mrs Nathaniel Robinson	Mr. & Mrs Charles Glover
Roger & Sarah Turcotte	Steven N. Chase
Ester N. Chase	Mary Ellen Donahue

The Friends of Brown Memorial Library

The purposes of The Friends of Brown Memorial Library is to create interest and support for the Brown Memorial Library by planning and sponsoring cultural and educational programs and activities for people of all ages and interests; to build a sense of community; to raise awareness of the library's resources; to raise funds; to encourage literacy; and to promote the talents, experiences and interests of Bradford residents. The Friends met the purpose in several ways.

During 1997, readers enjoyed the *Annual Mind Clearing Winter Literary Series: The American Short Story* which featured discussions on stories in the library's collection by authors Stephen Crane, James Thurber, Flannery O'Connor and John Updike.

In February, Friends representatives participated in the Rural Development Council's day-long site visit, designed to gather information on the community's infrastructure; and its human, economic, geographic, architectural and volunteer resources. Other programs featured New Hampshire Master Furniture Makers and Bradford authors, Geoffrey Douglas and Burton Hersh who read from their recently published books. The Friends collaborated with Moon Mountain Arts to bring arts programming to the community.

Officers elected at the May Annual Meeting were: Audrey Sylvester, President; Pauline Dishmon, Vice President; Chris Lincoln, Secretary; and John Forgiel, Treasurer. In December, three interim officers were appointed to fill vacated positions.

The Friends concluded 1997 activities with a \$500.00 donation to the Brown Memorial Library Building Fund.

Audrey V. Sylvester, President
Laurie Buchar, Interim Vice President
Susan Farber, Interim Secretary
Jan Riley, Interim Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

<u>Cash on Hand at December 31, 1996</u>	\$ <u>467.00</u>
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Support and Revenue

Membership Dues	387.00
NH Humanities Council Grant	509.00
Library Contributions	486.00
Interest Income	<u>20.00</u>
Total Support and Revenue	\$ <u>1,402.00</u>

Expenses

Program/Operating Expenses	349.00
McAuliffe Planetarium Pass	75.00
NH Humanities Council Grant	560.00
Library Contributions	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ <u>1,484.00</u>

Cash On Hand at December 31, 1977	\$ <u>385.00</u>
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*Memberships	32 Family
	11 Senior
5 Family	

THE BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Two long term projects were completed in 1997.

On September 14th, the Conservation Commission in partnership with the Historical Society formally dedicated the site of the Bradford Springs Hotel. Trees and brush were removed to form a picnic spot, a table was purchased and a stone with a commemorative brass plaque was installed. The event was very well attended and included many members of the Keating family whose ancestors had managed the hotel. Plans for additional informational signage are underway with hopes of a boardwalk out to the spring site.

One of the more important goals of the Conservation Commission has been to create a system of recreational trails. Area businesses and residents have expressed this as a high priority.

Maintaining the public use of Class 6 roads is a key element to this end. Various State-sponsored methods were explored this year. A spokesperson from the Department of Resources and Economic Development met with us on several occasions with technical assistance and volunteers began work on the Dunfield Road. Selectmen have agreed to maintain ownership of one of the tax-forfeited lots in the former Penhallow development which will secure access from the Aiken Pasture property to the Bog area. The Women's Christian Guild will assist in funding for improvements on the Fitness Trail. The Commission is in the process of developing permitted trails on private land to be added to existing trails from other towns.

A first draft of a map of the existing public trails, cemeteries and historic sites was completed in November thanks largely to the effort of Perry Teele and Meg Fearnley. These were distributed to local inns, restaurants and other businesses. Copies are also available through members of the Commission at cost of printing.

In addition to the above efforts the annual Bradford Earthday Cleanup Extravaganza was held on May 3rd. The cleanup of roadsides was

seriously impaired by inclement weather, which will cause us to redouble our efforts in 1998. A long list of prizes and raffle items were again donated by generous businesses and townspeople and some money was also earned through the Bake Sale.

The seventh graders were put to work for an Earthday experience cleaning up French's Park with the help of the Women's Club, the Fitness Trail got a new coat of gravel, and the remaining lumber for the boardwalk was taken out to the Bog.

We hope to continue our efforts to beautify the main streets and any suggestions are welcome.

The Bradford Conservation Commission meets in the Town Hall at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month. The public is welcome to attend.

MEMBERS

Amy Blitzler, Co-Chairman
Brooks McCandlish, Co-Chairman
Dick Whall, Treasurer
Ann Eldridge, Secretary
Eugene Schmidt
Perry Teele
Matilda Wheeler

ASSOCIATES

Mary Hopwood, Doris Tremblay, Jane Lucas, John Robie, Phyllis Whall, Meg Fearnley, Charlie Betz and Jack Makens.

REPORT OF THE BRADFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

The Bradford Women's Club was organized in 1941 to provide fellowship and promote interest in and support for the community. Over 100 members currently enjoy the Club's programs and projects. Monthly meetings in 1997 presented programs on "Town Reports", "911, Who responds", "Bradford Youth Sports", "Women and Money", as well as a performance by Melody Makers and a lesson in culinary arts.

The Women's Club depends on several fund raising events to raise the monies necessary to support its programs and community projects. During 1997, these events included an annual bake sale and spring raffle, the Fourth of July food booth, and the Holiday Craft and Antiques Fair. All were successful and netted the Club nearly \$4,000.00.

And what does the Club do with all that money? A number of community projects have become traditional and the Townspeople have come to expect: A Red Cross Swim Program, the Scholarship Fund (two were awarded in 1997: \$1,000 to Seth Lippincott and \$500.00 to Jessica Lucas), Candidates' Night, the Town's Christmas Tree, Santa's Visit (with pictures!), maintenance of community gardens at Bicentennial Park, Lafayette Corner and Cochran Hill as well as the flower barrels at the Town Hall and the intersection of the access highways. This past year the Women's Club supported KRES CARE inter-generational train ride. Parks and Recreation received a donation from the Club to help create recreation opportunities for Bradford's young people. We are grateful to some community-minded seventh graders and to Steve Obermiller for volunteering their services for the French's Park clean-up. The Women's Club sponsored Artists & Artisans summertime art show, and with Moon Mountain Arts co-sponsored a Good Old Fashioned Country Dance, a happy event. During the Christmas in the Country festival, Women's Club served up a Chili and Chowder Luncheon and provided hayride transportation during the open-house tour.

Membership in the Women's Club is an entry to volunteerism in the Bradford community. All who would support its purpose are invited to join.

Doris Tremblay, President

Report from Moon Mountain Arts

In May 1995, Moon Mountain Arts launched its premier event - a film and video series featuring award-winning films shot or directed in New Hampshire. Film makers screened films in the First Baptist Church on equipment loaned by MCT Cable. An audience assembled. Moon Mountain Arts, established to cooperatively promote arts events in Bradford, was “cooking”.

Since that first effort, Moon Mountain Arts has showcased New Hampshire folk, jazz and classical musicians, presented professional theatre, and produced town plays involving the community. Without “one, best, biggest or accessible performance space”, events have been held on the Town Hall stage, First Baptist Church and Lake Massasecum Casino.

In 1997, Moon Mountain sponsored *Town Meeting*, a two-act comedy; sponsored *infinities*, a woodwind chamber ensemble; *A Good Old Fashioned Country Dance* (unforgettable for good music and a spectacular August thunderstorm); and *The Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, directed, acted, and produced by the Bradford Community. Moon Mountain Arts Committee members are representatives from the Bradford Business Association, Women’s Club, Historical Society, Artists & Artisan, First Baptist Church, and Friends of Brown Memorial Library.

Moon Mountain Arts Committee

Nancy Hibbard

Debbie Lamach

Lu Signorino

Marcia Strout

Audrey Syvester

Carol Tonkin

Bradford Newbury Youth Sports

There has been a great deal of positive activity in the area of youth sports by BNYS this past year.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Approximately 160 youths participated in the spring baseball and softball programs from the Towns of Bradford, Newbury, and Sutton. We fielded baseball teams from T-Ball through 14-15 year old Babe Ruth. We also had a Girls' Softball team at the 8-10 year old level. The success of the program can be measured by the amount of fun experienced and sportsmanship displayed by the coaches, players and parents. We can be proud of their performance in each of these areas. Several teams won their Division Titles, an additional measure of the dedication by all those involved.

SOCCER

The Soccer program this year had 199 participants in the 1-6th grades from the Towns of Bradford, Newbury, and Sutton. We fielded 6 teams at the 1-2 grade level and 5 teams at the 5-6th grade level. It was a wonderful season enjoyed by all. At the end of the season the 3-6th grade teams celebrated the season at a dessert social where players, coaches, referees, and volunteers were recognized for their efforts.

BUILDING

This year we were able to build a snack shack at Brown-Shattuck. Thank you to the many volunteer hours that went into the construction of the building. We also had a backstop constructed and area volunteers constructed a full size Babe Ruth field in record time. Without this field there would have been no place for the 13 year old and 14-15 year old Babe Ruth teams to Play this past year

EXPANSION

This year has been particularly exciting as BNYS moves towards the goal of acquiring the piece of land across the street from KRES. Currently the

site of the new Babe Ruth field and a Soccer Field, for a number of years the Scheffy family graciously allowed groups to use their fields for Soccer and Softball. Through the generous donations of area citizens, most notably the Mayo Family, we are on our way towards the final purchase and development of that land. Currently we have programs in Soccer, Baseball and Softball for our youths but hope the acquisition and development of this land will be an opportunity in the future to offer a more diverse selection of recreational activities.

VOLUNTEERS

We are an all volunteer organization that relies heavily on community support. This past year that support has been overwhelming in terms of time, effort and financial assistance. Thank you for you continued support.

We are always looking for people to serve on our committees and board. I encourage you to contact me if you have a desire to take a more active roll in the BNYS as we move to the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Maclean, President BNYS

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

Services provided to people of **Bradford**:

Home Health Care for those recovering from an illness or injury:

Visits made: 1,530 to 21 patients

Hospice Care for patients and families experiencing a terminal illness:

Visits made: 36 to 3 patients

Community Clinics for adults, for immunizations and other wellness programs: **Patients served: 95**

Long -term care for chronically ill adults and children needing support services: **Hours of service: 410 to 12 patients**

Maternal and Child Health for children and families needing newborn care, well child clinic and parenting support:

Families served: 18

Lake Sunapee Region VNA is proud of its tradition of providing quality home health care to people in your community. 1997 has been a year of change for home health care. Medicare reports of fraud and abuse leave us wondering how we as consumers can know whether we're dealing with a quality organization. We are served by a volunteer Board of Trustees who, with staff, continually monitor our performance internally. Externally, licensing, certifying and accrediting bodies assess our performance against state and federal standards regularly. Most of all, we have committed, competent and caring staff and volunteers out in the community each day of the year providing needed home care.

Our affiliation with New London Hospital and Capital Region Health Care has allowed us to care for patients and families more efficiently and to access opportunities for achieving cost savings as part of a larger delivery system.

Six VNA employees, Trustee Elizabeth Young and many volunteers live in Bradford. As the health care delivery system and insurance benefits continue to evolve and change we are more dependent than ever on the loyal support of the towns we serve to enable us to provide free and subsidized care to those people who might not have access to care otherwise. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectively submitted,
Andrea Steel, President & CEO

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

Over the past nineteen years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in its area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large.

As perhaps you are aware the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for the Local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs meeting local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The attached budget reflects the minimum costs of maintaining and continuing the operations of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center. These figures are based on the operating costs of the Area Center, as well as on last year's local community participation level and the services provided to Bradford in the amount of \$76,777.40. The total dollar amount needed from the local towns to maintain and operate the Area center is \$35,905.00.

I have attached a detailed summary which provides a brief description of our programs and the number of Bradford residents who participated in them.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wish to thank you and the Town of Bradford for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of your community.

Sincerely,

Barbara Chellis, Area Director
Kearsarge Valley Area Center

Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc

1998 Kearsarge Valley Area Center Projected Operating Budget

PERSONNEL:

Area Center Director	\$ 20,129.00	
Outreach Worker		
(30 weeks at 22.5 hours)	5,987.00	
Payroll Taxes/Fringe Benefits	<u>6,234.00</u>	
		\$ 32,350.00

OTHER COSTS:

Program Travel 5,000 miles x .29	1,450.00	
Rent	2,940.00	
Telephone	2,225.00	
Postage	310.00	
Office/Copier & comp supplies	1,530.00	
Advertising	50.00	
Staff Development	50.00	
Publications	135.00	
Liability & Fire Insurance	<u>411.00</u>	
		<u>9,101.00</u>

TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 41,451.00
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Federal Share:	13%	\$ 5,546.00
All Town Share:	87%	<u>35,905.00</u>
Total:		\$ 41,451.00

Summary of Services 1997
provided to Bradford Residents
Kearsarge Valley Area Center
Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program

Service Description	Units of Service	Households or Persons	Total Value
Commodity Supplemental			
Food Program	packages 117	persons 10	\$ 2,598.57
Congregate Meals	meals 364	persons 10	2,180.36
Emergency Food Pantries	meals 820	persons 82	2,460.00
Fuel Assistance	applications 26	persons 82	12,512.12
Meals-on-Wheels	meals 1439	people 12	9065.70
Women, infants & Children	vouchers 395	persons 33	15,207.50
Head Start	children 4		24,800.00
CAP Transportation	rides 688	persons 10	3,226.72
Neighbor helping neighbor	grants 3	persons 7	550.00
Senior Companion program	visitees 1	hours 16	72.96
Senior Community Service			
Employment program	hours 520	persons 1	3120.00
USDA commodity Foods			
Corn \$8.64	5 cases		\$ 43.20
Tomatoes \$7.46	4 cases, 22 cans		6.68
Macaroni 7.75	8 cases, 2 bags		62.64
Raisins \$16.65	3 boxes		1.05
Figs \$17.12	3 cases, 7 bags		56.40
Peas \$7.39	2 cans		.62
Tomato sauce	4 cases, 10 cans		26.10
Spaghetti \$ 7.90	2 cases, 5 bags		19.10
Beef \$45.47	2 cans		3.78
Dates \$19.28	7 bags		11.20
Apple Juice \$11.82	2 cases, 1 can		24.63
Applesauce \$9.53	3 cases, 16 cans		38.19
Green Beans \$7.22	2 cases, 7 cans		16.54
Pinto Beans \$8.10	2 cases, 3 bags		18.24
Vegetarian Beans \$6.68	4 cases, 12 cans		30.08
Corn Cereal \$15.96	3 cases, 3 boxes		51.30

Creamed corn \$8.61	4 cases, 3 cans	\$ 35.52
Fruit Cocktail	2 cases, 7 cans	38.98
Orange Juice \$11.64	3 cases, 9 cans	43.65
Peanut Butter \$38.03	4 cases, 15 cans	175.82
Pineapple \$17.13	3 cases, 3 cans	53.55
Dehy Potatoes \$11.42	3 cases, 9 bags	42.81
Prunes \$22.80	2 cases, 8 bags	53.20
Rice \$11.69	2 cases, 13 bags	29.75
Salmon \$27.24	4 cases, 14 cans	70.44

GRAND TOTAL \$ 76,777.40

Information and referral - CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant. Legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

The Central New Hampshire Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 towns in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties and the City of Concord. The Town of Bradford is a member in good standing of the Commission.

Our mission is to improve, through education, training and planning assistance, the ability of the municipalities of the region to prepare and implement municipal plans; to prepare a plan for effective and appropriate development and utilization of the resources of the region; and to assist municipalities in carrying out the regional plan.

The Commission provides a variety of planning services, including telephone consultations on planning issues; planning research; sample ordinances, regulations, and planning documents; models; data and access to data sources; grant information; review and comment on planning documents; development review; and educational programs. Membership also entitles a community to affordable master planning assistance, GIS

mapping, and grant preparation. During 1997, our services in Bradford included:

Providing population projection and estimates from 1990 to 1995; providing a copy of the Transportation Element for the Regional Master Plan; assisting in the development of the master plan; providing a referral for information on Class A trails; referring master plan committee to NHMA Selectmen's Handbook for information on powers and duties of local officials; and researching 1970's aerial photos for Lake Massasecum.

During 1997, the Regional Planning Commission:

- Assisted community representatives with implementing management plans for the Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers;
- Presented and sponsored educational programs on economic development;
- Hired, oriented, and held a reception to introduce the new Executive Director, Leigh Komornick;
- Distributed informational news briefs and announcements on current planning topics;
- Relocated its offices from the Merrimack County Nursing Home to the Summer Street School in Penacook;
- Distributed the zoning amendment calendar to assist Towns with the amendment process;
- Conducted about 100 traffic counts on State and local highways;
- Created a new informational brochure about CNHRPC and its services; and
- Enhanced its Geographic Information System program to better serve the needs of the member Towns.

For additional information, please contact your town representative to the Commission, Joe Conway or CNHRPC staff.

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, forest, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy

As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension provides practical education to people of all ages.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and Federal Government, we go by the special name of UND Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community, this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Extension educators provide informal educational programs in the area of Natural Resources and Family, Community and Youth, advised and assisted by a local advisory council.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from statewide extension programming. Among these many local and State efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and youth development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base and providing research-based information to citizens.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. County staff have worked with many of the communities in a variety of ways. The Community Profile was held in two communities in the past year. This community event works through a process to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like and then

works through a process that helps for action groups to reach their goals. Follow up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment projects, land use management planning, wellness teams, town office visits, Master Gardeners, working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas, and providing updated Extension publication notebooks to all town libraries.

The staff of Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two State specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our new office, located next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen. We're open Monday-Friday, 8AM until 4:00PM. Or call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the Web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://CEINFO.UNH.EDU).

Births recorded in the Town of Bradford January 1, through December 31, 1997

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child
01-03-97	Claremont	Raven Michelle Bennett
02-12-97	Concord	Mariah Jane Slatunas
03-05-97	Lebanon	Joseph Ira Goodale
03-11-97	New London	Kaytie Anne Torro
03-27-97	Concord	Annie Cherie Britton
04-21-97	Concord	Hannah Lynn Siarto
04-23-97	Concord	Brendan James Geen
05-05-97	Concord	Maxwell Gabriel Foisey
07-27-97	Concord	Kaylee Jeanne St. Pierre
08-25-97	Concord	Sadie Jane Newton
11-07-97	New London	Ashley Paige Niederriter

Deaths Recorded in the Town of Bradford January 1 through December 31, 1997

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Place of Death
02-09-97	Jane Simonds	New London
03-23-97	Brooke Willis	Scarboro, Maine
03-23-97	Barbara Maxfield	Scarboro, Maine
04-07-97	Doris Havey	New London
04-10-97	Ralph Messer	New London
05-09-97	Edith Grace Norton	New London
06-23-97	Brenda N. Sisson	Bradford
07-24-97	Parker G. McCartney	Bradford
08-27-97	Rachel McKinley	Auburn, Maine
10-10-97	Nicolas P. Stamas	Bradford

Marriages recorded in the Town of Bradford January 1 through December 31, 1997

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom	Name of Bride	Place of Marriage
12-25-96	Anthony Page	Jean Page	Concord
01-04-97	John Sorgi	Mae Katherine Durant	Bradford
08-30-97	Hans Dibbits	Donna Landstrom	Concord
09-19-97	Carl Richter	Jessica Ferren	Wilmot
09-27-97	Steven Balch	Tracy Jordan	New London
10-18-97	Preston Starr	Felicia Bagley	Bradford
10-18-97	Thomas Harvey	Sarah Allen	Bradford
10-25-97	Bruce Trudeau	Marilyn Jarret	Bradford
10-26-97	Gray Herman	Jeanine Nimmo	Bradford
11-28-97	Charles Kane	Marie A. Menard	Bradford
12-06-97	Mark A. Supplee	Samantha Perry	Bradford

Notes

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Business Hours

Selectmen's Office

Hours: Mon., Wed., Thur., & Fri

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Tues.,

Selectmen meet: every Monday at 7pm

Tel. 938-5900

8am - Noon

1pm - 5pm

8am- Noon

(except Holidays)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Tel. 938-2288/938-2094

Hours: Mon. *(except Holidays)*

2 pm - 7pm

Tues " "

8am - 5pm

Fri. " "

8am - Noon

Planning Board

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Town Hall
(except July & August) at 7pm. In July & August meetings are
scheduled as required

Zoning Board of Adjustments

Meets the 1st Monday of each month in the Town Hall at 7pm

Conservation Commission

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month *(except December)* in the
Town Hall at 7:30pm

Brown Memorial Library

Hours: Mon.

9:30am - 8:00pm

Wed.

9:30am - 5:00pm

Sat.

9:30am - 1:30pm

Transfer Station

Hours: Wed., Sat., & Sun.

10am - 5pm

Building Inspector

Contact the Selectmen's Office to make arrangements
to meet with the Building Inspector

Emergency Fire, Police & Rescue

Telephone Number - 911

Business: Police (938-2522) & Fire Dept (938-2233)